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DEATH

BOTELHO.—On Thursday, March 21, 1940, at her residence, 12 Bedford Terrace, ESMENIA MARIA VINCENT BOTELHO, aged 73 years, widow of the late Elias Francisco Botelho and grandmother of Guido, Peter, Nestore, Angela di Lorenzo, Mrs. A. Paubel and Mrs. J. R. G. Siqueira. Removed to the parlours of the International Funeral Directors, 207 Kiaochow Road. Repuiem Mass will be held on Tuesday, March 26, at 7 a.m., at the Church of Christ The King, 235 Rue Bourgeat, to be followed by interment at the Pahsienjao Cemetery, at 2 p.m. (Japan papers please copy.) 11566

The Committee of the Associated Foreign Charities of Shanghai of Church House, Kiangse Road, is always willing to receive *In Memoriam* donations and make allocations to the Charities in most need. 11059

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entitled "RELEASE THROUGH PAINTING." Illustrated with Original Paintings and Sketches by the Lecturer. The Chair will be taken by ARTHUR DE C. SOWERBY, ESQ. THE MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

N. MAAS,
Hon. Secretary (R.A.S.)

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MASONIC CHARITY FUND OF NORTHERN CHINA

The 51st Annual Meeting of the Subscribers to this Fund will be held at the Masonic Hall, 1623 Avenue Road, on Tuesday, March 26, 1940, at 7 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Council for the year ended January 31, 1940. Master Masons of all Constitutions, whether subscribers or not, are invited to attend.

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To-day's Events

MARCH

25 'Nick-Nax, 1940,' Lyceum, 3
25 *Lady Day*
25 *NCDN broadcast 12.45 and 9 p.m. XMHD 760kc. 395m.*

Coming Events

MARCH

26 A.W.C. Bridge and mahjongg, 3
26 Cathedral School for Boys Gymkhana. Ascot Riding School, 2.30
26 Fashion Show, Old Bond St., 4.30
26 'Nick-Nax, 1940,' Lyceum, 5.30
26 Shanghai Club, Annual Meeting, 5.30
27 M.C.L. Bridge and mahjongg, Charter House, 156 Edinburgh Road, 3.
27 China Bible House, ann. mtg., 5
27 Gala performance 'Music & Laughter' by the International Committee for Polish War Victims, Lyceum, 9
27 'Purim Ball', French Club, 9.30
28 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
28 B.W.A. Bridge and mahjongg tea, 3
28 R.A.S. Lecture and Exhibition
28 K.D.S. annual meeting at headquarters. Tea 4.30, business 5.30
28 O. Manjelei and B. Seroff's gala performance: 'The Fairy of Carnival.' Kalman's Lt. Op., Lyc., 8.45
28 For. Y. Debate: 'Long *v.* Short Engagements'
29 A.W.C. Three one-act plays, 9
29 For. Y.: 'Richard II' Reading, 9
29 Masonic Charity Ball, 9.30
30 Bateman-King Recital, Lyceum, 3
30 Dinner Dance, Floorshow, C.S.F., 8.30
30 "Fairy of the Carnival," Lyceum, 8.45
30 Amateur Dramatic Players, Supper Dance and Entertainment, A.W.C., 9
31 Bateman-King Recital, Lyceum, 2.15
31 'Fairy of the Carnival,' Lyceum, 8.45
31 Brith Hahayal Women's Auxiliary Group Dance, Masonic Hall, 9.30
31 Municipal Orchestra Concert, Lyc., 5.15

APRIL

1 Engineering Society Meeting, 5.45
2 Cathedral School Old Boys' Association, Annual Dinner, Rowing Club, 8.30
4 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15 Maestro: Prof. Porgé, AULA 8.30
4 Ballet Russe: 'Pavillon d'Armide, by Tcherepnin and 'Scheherazade', by Rimsky-Korsakow, Lyceum, 9
5 Recital by Mary Stewart, Lyc. 9.15
6 Ballet Russe: 'Pavillon d'Armide' and 'Scheherazade,' Lyceum, 9
7 Ballet Russe: 'Pavillon d'Armide' and 'Scheherazade,' Lyceum, 2.15 and 9
8 SSPCA. ann. mtg., 57/17 Bund, 5.15
10 Municipal Election
10 Signals Coy., S.V.C., Supper Dance
10 A.D.C. 'Night Must Fall,' Lyc., 9.15
11 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
11 Limbless Jumble Sale, U.C. Hall, 9.30
11 Municipal Election
11 A.D.C. 'Night Must Fall,' Lyc., 9.15
11 Concert Prof. Porgé, Princesse Leüchtenberg, F. Adler, A.W.C. 9
12 A.D.C. 'Night Must Fall,' Lyc., 9.15
13 A.D.C. 'Night Must Fall,' Lyc., 9.15
13 Shai. Ladies' Hockey Assn. Dinner Dance, Masonic Hall, 9.30
20 Amer. School Orchestra, AVLA 8.30, 1st Concert. Maestro: Prof. Porgé

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10.15 p.m to 10.30 p.m.	Polish

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WEATHER, TIME AND TIDE

Meteorological Reports	Mar. 23 16.00	Mar. 23 21.00	Mar. 24 4.00	Mar. 24 9.00
Barometer inches	30.22	30.24	30.23	30.24
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	—0.03	—0.03	—0.02	—0.06
at 32 F. (" " 12 hrs.)	—0.03	—0.06	+0.01	0.00
Wind (direction)	ESE	ESE	SE	ESE
" (miles per hour)	16.2	11.8	6.2	11.2
Temperature (Fahr.)	49.°3	46.°6	43.°3	45.°0
Humidity %	54	81	99	96
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	10	10	10	10
Rainfall inches	—	—	0.37	0.11

Siccawei Abridged Report March 23	Mean 1940	24 hrs. variation	67 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	30.24	—0.06	30.11
Temp. Min. 38.°8 Max. 54.°0	46.°4	+1.°6	48.°6
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	7.68	—	6.81

Time and Tide	25/3	26/3	27/3	28/3	29/3	30/3	31/3
Sun rises at Shanghai	5.52	5.51	5.50	5.49	5.48	5.46	5.45
Sun sets at Shanghai	18.08	18.08	18.09	18.10	18.11	18.12	18.13
Moon rises at Shanghai	19.55	21.02	22.05	23.05	—	0.00	0.50
Moon sets at Shanghai	6.40	7.26	8.11	9.04	9.56	10.49	11.43
Flood makes Shai. 6 to 18	11.42	12.15	12.44	13.15	13.50	14.36	15.50
Ebb. makes Shai. 6 to 18	10.40	17.20	17.58	6.02	6.45	7.10	8.55
H.W. W'sung Bar 6 to 18	13.24	14.09	14.45	15.20	15.40	16.31	5.48
Ht. above LLW. (feet)	10.51	10.03	9.63	9.40	9.19	8.07	7.45

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MONDAY, March 25.	Reg.	Ord.
Japan Korea via Nagasaki	*19.00	7.15
Tinghai and Shenkiamen via Tinghai x	9.30	10.00
Weihaiwei Chefoo Tientsin	9.30	10.00
Amoy Swatow Canton x	9.30	10.00
Keelung Aust. N.Z. S.S. India Suez and Europe via Suez A	14.00	16.00
Hongkong and Canton	15.30	16.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00
TUESDAY, March 26.		
Tsingtao and Dairen	8.30	9.00
Chefoo and Tientsin	14.30	15.00
Nantung	14.30	15.00
Japan via Kobe	16.00	16.30
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00

* The night before.
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Imperial Airways Service per steamer on March 29, at 9 a.m. for registered and at 10 a.m. for ordinary due London on April 10.
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Air France per steamer on March 29, at 9 a.m. for registered and at 10 a.m. for ordinary.
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Light Train Mail

Via N.S.R. 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
Kiangpei offices north and west of Jukao 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
Hangchow 11.30 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
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Wuhu, Tatung, Hwaining, Kiukiang and Hankow 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.

THE WEATHER

Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—

Yesterday	Min. 43.0	Max. 51.0
Same date, 1939	Min. 45.0	Max. 62.0

Rainfall .52

Temperature at Siccawei:—

Yesterday	Min. 42.8	Max. 52.2
Same date, 1939	Min. 47.7	Max. 54.0

State on the morning of the 23rd:—High and steady pressure over China: rather normal and rising over Japan. North-westerly to north-easterly winds along the China Coast. Fine to cloudy weather.

State on the morning of the 24th:—Rainy weather. East-south-easterly wind. High and unsteady pressure.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Cloudy and fine weather with variable winds around Shantung. Overcast to cloudy with mist and unsteady winds over our regions and to the south of the Saddles.—Siccawei Observatory.

Post Office Notices Continued

Remarks: For Europe via Siberia:—Mails for Europe via Siberia close on every Monday and Thursday at 8 p.m. for registered and on every Tuesday and Friday at 8 a.m. for ordinary and are despatched per trains via Nanking and Tientsin to connect with the Trans-Siberian trains.

Ocean Mails for Europe and America.

Next steamer mails will be closed as follows:—
Per steamer via Pacific, Mar. 24, due London May, 1.
Per steamer via Pacific, Mar. 25, due London May 3.
Per steamer via Suez, on Mar. 29, due London May 4.

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Persen K A	20	Agourcff O	2
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Rates Increase:

Recent Figures Queried

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Many ratepayers will, most probably, wish to thank the unknown gentleman who compiled the statistics in your issue of March 22 showing the extra cost per month of the proposed 50 per cent. increase in municipal rates.

These statistics very considerately begin with an "Assessed monthly rental of house" of $25! Of course this rather overlooks the fact that "houses" at a monthly rental of $25 exist only in the untutored imaginations of sterling salaried officials and statisticians. Today, a couple of rickshaw coolies will team up and pay $25 a month for a room. So that an original increase in rates of 9 per cent. monthly may amount to 20 or 30 per cent. monthly by the time the poor coolies come to hear about it.

The remark that a 50 per cent. increase in rates is less than the increases in commodities generally is superficial subtlety. The direct increase is 50 per cent. but the indirect additive and cumulative effects on costs generally may amount to several times the direct charge.

However, our statistician friend may not care at all to develop his argument on these lines; but he might be willing to convert his figures into U.S. dollars by dividing by 16, and this would achieve the microscopic effect that apparently is desired.

This matter of rates is closely associated with the recent appointment of a new Economy Committee by the Council. This appears to be a worthy step in the right direction.

It is recalled, however, that the annual meeting of ratepayers is to be held in April, but the new Economy Committee is not then to be heard from: while the statement that no report from the committee may be forthcoming during 1940 seems to indicate that it is not intended to permit any improvement to be made on the Council's 1940 Budget. It would, obviously, be rather disconcerting to the present Council if the new committee immediately busied itself and found several million dollar economies, that had somehow been "overlooked" by the makers of the present Budget.

However, from the present month of March to the month of December next, is a fairly long stretch, and surely something will have to be done in the interval to at least keep the existence of the new Economy Committee from fading entirely from the minds of the ratepayers.

ROBERT L. STEWART.

Shanghai, Mar. 23.

Seaman's Mission:

A Footnote Criticized

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—With reference to your footnote to the letter entitled "Seamen's Mission—a Mistake Corrected"—I contend that the statement is erroneous and tends to mislead the public.

You state that the Mission has merely vacated the premises at Canton Road and that the Mission will be operated from the Cathedral Church House.

It is obvious to any one who knows what the work of a Seamen's Mission is that it cannot successfully be worked from the Cathedral Church House for the following reasons:

1. The Church House consists of one large room, part of which is used by several people as an office all day, therefore would not be available for seamen many of whom have their shore leave then.

2. There are no facilities for entertaining such as billiards, ping pong, etc. due to lack of space.

3. The average seaman will go to his own Mission, which he knows is for the use of the seamen only; but it is very doubtful if he will go to a Church Hall where a Mother's Meeting or Girls' Friendly Society may be in process.

With the above facts made known to the public and at a time like the present when the Merchant Navy is co-operating with the Royal Navy so gallantly, one cannot believe that the fifth largest port in the world will be content to ignore the need of the seamen and will make every effort to see that suitable quarters may be found regardless of the expense involved.

A HARBOUR LIGHT.

Shanghai, Mar. 21.

The information on which the footnote was based came to this journal's informant direct from the chairman of the Mission to Seamen, who further stated that the suggestion to use the Church House temporarily was decided upon in full committee. It was further suggested that funds should be made available for the entertainment of visiting seamen, and the Chaplain thought that cinema parties might be arranged, bus trips and so forth with tea afterward at the Church House, or, should it not be free, elsewhere.

Football:

China v. Portugal Match

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—On reading the account of yesterday's game between China and Portugal at the Canidrome I was surprised to see that your reporter referred to the penalty which led up to Portugal's third goal as being a questionable one.

What I, and I know numerous others, saw was Favacho very definitely fouled well in the penalty area and it was only on receiving such treatment that he pushed his opponent. Incidentally, Referee Burt was close at hand at the time and saw clearly what had happened. Therefore, he had no option but to award a penalty, for it was not a question of "blocking" but flagrant fouling.

To my mind this offence was far more glaring than the one which resulted in the Chinese team obtaining their second goal.

While on the subject of yesterday's game, I consider that certain players were very fortunate the referee was in a tolerant mood for had he been otherwise they might have found themselves as onlookers. It is one thing to tackle a man fairly but an entirely different thing to follow the tackle through with a deliberate kick on the shin or ankle in order to try and put opposing players out of action.

Speaking generally, I feel that more support from the Press to referees who are courageous enough to go on the field and handle these games, where feeling invariably runs high, would do much to improve the standard of soccer in Shanghai. The fact is often lost sight of that it is the referee that counts and without him, well, goodness knows what would happen.

A. F. A. REF.

Shanghai, Mar. 24.

Local Girls:

Practice of Going Dutch

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Having read SHANGHAI BOY'S cry out of the wilderness of despair one gets the impression that the position of local boys is all but hopeless. Here you have a fellow who if he wants to go out with the majority of Shanghai girls is refused because of lack of funds and not technique, and if he decides to go with the minority he has to follow that lamentable custom of going "Dutch." I would like to advise SHANGHAI BOY to strike a happy medium and not to rush to extremes. There is many a local girl willing to go out once or twice a week, and even on these occasions not be extravagant, and then SHANGHAI BOY will discover the pleasures of not going "Dutch."

The present high cost of living has played havoc with the pockets, and of course with the girl friends of many a Shanghai youth, but I hope that this has not gone as far as making us go "Dutch." This custom is humiliating to the male that it is more than sufficient to spoil any evening. If SHANGHAI BOY who is presumably under the influence of the end-of-month cash shortage, has ever tried this dubious experiment he has probably found out that the lady of his dreams takes up a patronising attitude which is quite in accord with the general trend of behaviour of women in such positions.

Finally I hope that no SHANGHAI BOY will have the misfortune of ever hearing his Dutch girl friend say with a majestic gesture "Tommy call me the waiter and order another cup of coffee!

ZYSMAN.

Shanghai, Mar. 23.

The Buses:

No Increase in April

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I have learned from some sources that commencing April 1, the China Omnibus Co. will again increase their tariff. Whether this is true or otherwise, the subject is certainly of interest to the public. Of course, the Bus Co. may offer any excuse in justifying their action for fear of public protests. They may ascribe their increase to the decline in the exchange value of the Chinese dollar or to the recent increase in wages of their employees, and so forth. Superficially, these reasons might appear to be quite acceptable, but actual conditions tell a different story. Shanghai is now so densely populated as it has never been before that the street cars, buses and trams alike, have been all doing unprecedented booming business as can be proved by the fact that during the rush hours one often has to see 5 or 6 buses pass before finally succeeding in boarding one. Naturally, still greater amounts of profits for the Bus Co. would be realized with the growth of the number of passengers had there not been such a public vice called "Squeeze" as practised by their conductors.

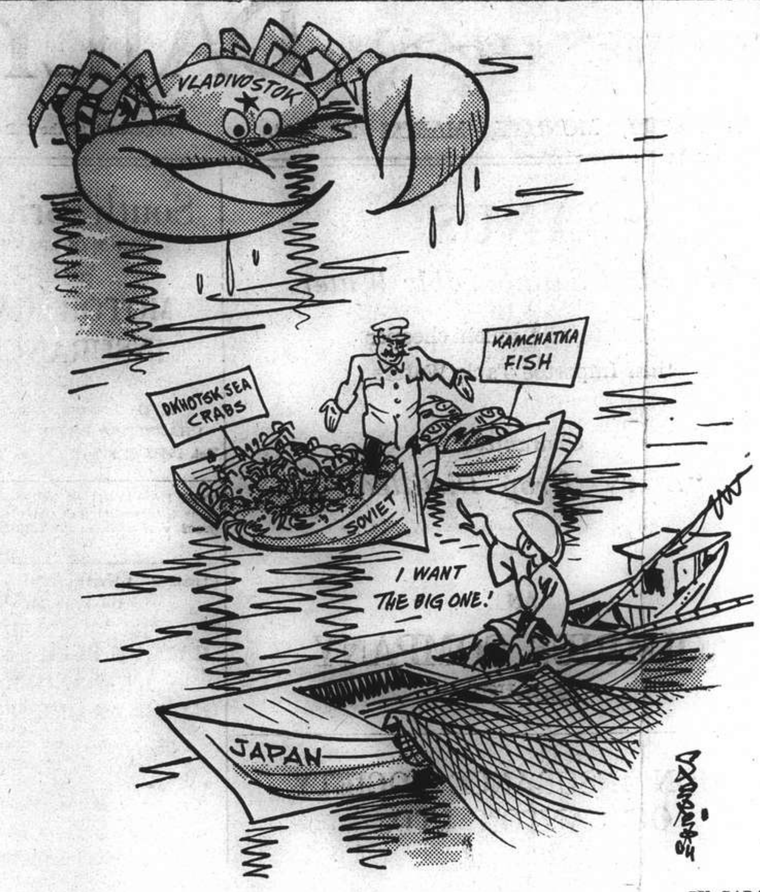
It is to be regretted that the Bus Co. authorities, while fully aware of the practice of squeeze that has been going on being detrimental to their revenue, have not been seeking any constructive means of remedying this deplorable situation, but choose to place a burden on the riding-public. The Bus Co. should realize before the situation becomes worse that frequent fare-increase would, apart from meeting public opposition, benefit those dishonest conductors the more if their squeezing remains unchecked. Would it not be advisable for the Bus Co. to adopt a policy of co-operation whereby the Company and the public may jointly combat against this evil practice and put it to an end once for all? Surely, the passengers will be ready to co-operate towards this end if it is a matter of mutual benefit. It would be also advisable that posters be put up at conspicuous places urging passengers to see that their tickets correspond to the fares paid.

I am sure the Bus Co. will be the first one to benefit if this policy is adopted and given a trial for, say, one or two months. It is thus that the Company may gradually recover all what it has lost during the past few years as a result of squeeze by their employees.

RAYMOND S. SHU.

Shanghai, Mar. 21.

**Enquiries made from the China General Omnibus Co., revealed that no increase in fares is being contemplated for the beginning of April. In connection with the "squeezing" that is going on, it is pointed out that between 35 and 40 Inspectors travel on the company's vehilces at all times and that this is believed to be the highest proportion of Inspectors employed by any bus company in the world. "Squeeze" is undoubtedly going on, the officials stated, but if passengers would co-operate with the company in this respect instead of abetting the conductors, this evil would not exist, the truth of the matter being that passengers find it to their advantage to let the conductors "squeeze." This evil could only be eradicated by having an Inspector on each bus but this would increase operation costs far beyond what they are today. Officials also pointed out that conductors found guilty of "squeezing" are severely punished and that the travelling public has been repeatedly requested to report to the company any cases of this nature which they may have witnessed, giving time, route number, number of bus and conductor and all such other information which may assist the company in dealing with the offender.—ED.



BY SAPAJOU

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White House Denial on Cromwell Speech

Washington, Mar. 24.

The White House Secretary, Mr. Stephen Early, issued a formal denial yesterday of the report that the Minister to Canada, Mr. James Cromwell, had submitted the text of his Toronto speech to President Roosevelt before he delivered it.—United Press.

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Golden Text:—Matthew 6:19. Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal." Among the citations which comprise the Lesson Sermon is the following from The Bible:—"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." (John 14:12.)

The Lesson Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook. "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy:—"Maintain the facts of Christian Science,-that Spirit is God, and therefore cannot be sick; that what is termed matter cannot be sick; that all causation is Mind, acting through spiritual law. Then hold your ground with the unshaken understanding of Truth and Love, and you will win."

Chungking Welcome To Mission

Chungking, Mar. 24.

Official and public bodies here are making preparations to give an elaborate reception to members of a Chinese overseas mission en route here to "comfort" troops and visit government leaders. The party comprises delegates from Singapore, Burma, Siam, India, Batavia and other places.

Mr. Tan Kah-kee, leader of the mission, is due to leave Rangoon for Chungking on Tuesday by 'plane. A committee is meeting here daily under the chairmanship of General Wu Teh-chen, Minister of Overseas Affairs, to complete arrangements for welcoming the group.—Reuter.

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U.S. Buys Strategic Materials

Stocks from Far East and Latin America

Washington, Mar. 24.

During the last six months the United States has contracted for over U.S.$9,000,000 worth of strategic materials in the Far East and Latin America, officials revealed to the United Press here yesterday.

The materials include manganese, tin, chromium, quartz, quinine and optical glass, they said. The contracts come under the ten-year, U.S. $100,000,000 programme to make the Army and Navy relatively independent of foreign sources in an emergency.

Purchases also include 425 tons of tungsten valued at U.S.$427,000, officials said. Most of the tungsten has been ordered from China. Purchases of 6,800 bales of Manila fibre, valued at U.S.$118,582, will be made from the Philippines.—United Press.

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Warsaw Diplomats Told To Leave by Nightfall

Brussels, Mar. 23.

Passages were booked on the night train and foreign diplomats still in Warsaw were informed by the German authorities today that they should leave German-occupied Polish territory. Affairs in this region must henceforth be handled from Berlin for the Polish campaign was ended several months ago, the Germans pointed out according to semi-official Belga (Belgian) news agency.—Havas.

Seventy Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS," OF MARCH 25, 1870

Those who are accustomed to take things as they find them, and to feel slender interest in the history of past transactions, may regard the retelling of a story 20 years old, with languid attention, but there are others who may not object to be reminded how the native city of Shanghai first fell into British hands. It is not likely that very many of the residents can recollect the circumstances, and it may not be devoid of instruction to recall who were the men and what were the circumstances that occasioned an event so fraught with important results to the commerce of Western nations. It was on June 17, 1842, that Vice-Admiral Parker, then flying his flag on the Cornwallis, in Woosung Harbour, dispatched the Phlegethon and the Medusa up the then little known Whangpoo river. Cmdr. Kellet, who is now in charge of the station, and whose "zeal on this service" we are told and on every other which he is engaged in, "exceeds all praise," was desired to ascertain if any obstruction might be expected from the Chinese forces, or want of water for the steam vessels in their passage with the troops. The commander returned, however, having been stopped by two strong batteries on each side of the river about six miles above Woosung; that on the left bank mounting 46, and on the opposite fourteen guns. The last of these batteries attempted to open fire, but no injury was sustained by the fleet. Six vessels were immediately sent up the river, with directions to take up a position as near as possible to these batteries.

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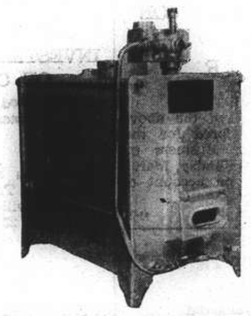
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FROM SHANGHAI FOOTLIGHTS AND FILMS

"The Light That Failed"

Ronald Colman is, of course, the outstanding player at the Grand Theatre today, but he has adequate support in this tale of the Soudan, in the persons of Walter Huston and Ida Lupino, as well as a large cast.

"Four Wives"

The four young ladies, who have travelled through "Four Daughters" and "Daughters Courageous" are now at the Cathay Theatre in another sparkling film—Priscilla, Rosemary and Lola Lane and Gale Page.

"Destry Rides Again"

What many believe to be Marlene Dietrich's bid for a second recognition by Hollywood is at the Nanking Theatre. As a rough and tumble bar girl, she has opposite James Stewart.

"The Amazing Mr. Williams"

Melvyn Douglas in one of his finer roles is starred at the Metropol Theatre today, with Joan Blondell playing opposite. Strong support comes from those fine players: Clarence Kolb and Edward S. Brophy.

Current Films

NANKING.—"Destry Rides Again."—The old West that was really wild and woolly blazes to glorious life once more and Marlene Dietrich stages the greatest comeback in motion picture history with her superlative presentation of a fighting, singing, loving honky-tonk entertainer in a frontier dance hall. Starring Marlene Dietrich and James Stewart, with Charles Winninger, Mischa Auer, Brian Donleyy, Irene Hervey and Una Merkel.

ROXY.—"Goodbye, Mr. Chips."—A screen masterpiece which has been voted the best picture of 1939, starring Robert Donat in James Hilton's immortal novel of an English schoolmaster and presenting a kaleidoscopic picture of one of the most colourful periods in history. Supporting Donat, whose brilliant performance in this film earned him the Academy Award for 1939, is the lovely new screen find, Greer Garson, and young Terry Kilburne, star of "Lord Jeff."

CATHAY.—"Four Wives."—The same stars who were in "Four Daughters" are here again entrancing film fans the world over in another heart-warming story of the delightfully human Lemp family, which show the four girls' reactions to married life. With Priscilla Lane, Rosemary Lane, Lola Lane, Gale Page, Claude Rains, and Jeffrey Lynn.

GRAND.—"The Light That Failed."—With a *mise-en-scene* that swings from the sun-scorched Soudan to London in springtime. Rudyard Kipling's famous tale of war, love and sacrifice lives again, in scenes of beauty, pathos and romantic action, Starring Ronald Colman, with Walter Huston, Ida Lupino, Muriel Angelus, Dudley Digges, Ernest Cossart, Charles Irwin, Clyde Cook and James Aubrey.

METROPOL.—"The Amazing Mr. Williams."—One highly hilarious incident follows another in this swiftly paced comedy drama, built round the dizzy actions of a detective whose mind is distracted between crime and courtship. Starring Melvyn Douglas and Joan Blondell, with Clarence Kolb, Ruth Donnelly and Edward S. Brophy.

GOLDEN GATE.—"Frontier Marshal."—Another colourful character from the past comes to the screen in Wyatt Earp, the famous Frontier Marshal, who brought the law to Tombstone. With Randolph Scott, Nancy Kelly, Cesar Romero, Binnie Barnes, John Carradine and Edward Norris.

RIALTO.—"Jamaica Inn."—Daphne Maurier's colourful romance of wreckers on the Coast of Cornwall, with Charles Laughton as the squire who is also better than he was in "The Beachcomber." With Charles Laughton, Leslie Banks, Robert Newton, Maureen O'Hara, Marie Nye, Emylin Williams and Wylie Watson.

CAPITOL.—"Angels With Dirty Faces." Pulse-pounding excitement in the way of gangster drama that revolves round a big time racketeer and a bunch of kids who make him their hero until he turns "yellow" on the way to the electric chair. With James Cagney, Pat O'Brien, "Dead End" Kids, Ann Sheridan and George Bancroft.

ASTOR.—"Three Loves Has Nancy"—Hilarious complications gather round Nancy's search for her missing bridegroom when the gentleman leaves her "waiting at the church," with two other laddies keen on taking his place. With Janet Gaynor, Robert Montgomery, Franchot Tone, Guy Kibbee, Claire Dodd and Reginald Owen.

DOUMER.—"Girl of the Golden West."—The popular songster team, Jeanette McDonald and Nelson Eddy in a musical extravaganza; in a setting of the West at its gayest.

UPTOWN.—"In Name Only."—The most thrilling threesome of the season, in the most modern romance of the year. Starring Carole Lombard, Cary Grant and Kay Francis, with Charles Coburn and Helen Vinson.

Films Coming

"The Roaring Twenties."—Red-blooded, thrill-packed drama of the riotous decade that followed the termination of the Great War, when life was cheap and laws were just obstacles to be ignored or evaded. Starring James Cagney, Priscilla Lane, with Humphrey Bogart, Gladys George, Frank McHugh, Jeffrey Lynn and Paul Kelly. Coming to the **GRAND.**

"Abe Lincoln in Illinois."—Robert E. Sherwood's moving epic drama of Lincoln's life struggle up to the time he set out for Washington to assume the presidency, with the great actor whose fame is associated with the role playing the part of the Great Emancipator. Starring Raymond Massey, with Gene Lockhart, Ruth Gordon, Mary Howard, Harvey Stephens, Alan Baxter and Dorothy Tree. Coming to the **NANKING.**

"Let Freedom Ring."—Nelson Eddy, Virginia Bruce and Lionel Barrymore teamed in a romance of the pioneer days of the Wild West with Eddy giving the best performance of his career. His glorious voice is heard to good advantage in many beautiful melodies, while Barrymore gives another of his outstanding characterizations. Virginia Bruce and Nelson Eddy are seen in many beautiful romantic scenes. Heading the supporting cast is H. B. Warner. Coming to the **ROXY.**

"Here I Am a Stranger."—First rate human interest drama built round the college career of the son of a woman who had divorced his improvident father in order to marry a man who could give the youngster a better start in life. Packed with romance, genuine emotion and comedy relief and starring Richard Greene, with Richard Dix, Brenda Joyce, Roland Young, Gladys George, Katharine Aldridge, Russell Gleason, George Zucco and Edward Norris. Coming to the **CATHAY.**

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"Everything Happens at Night."—Mystery, danger, excitement, romance in a thrill-packed drama with a whirlwind finale, set amid Alpine snows that gives Sonja a chance to skate for her life. Starring Sonja Henie, with Ray Milland, Robert Cummings, Maurice Moscovich, Leonid Kinskey, Alan Dinehart, Fritz Feld and Jody Gilbert. Coming to the **GRAND.**

"Escape to Paradise."—Love and business make an unaccustomed team when an American playboy starts boosting native products to make a hit with a beautiful South American senorita. There is mirth, there is melody, there is a great big tropical moon! There is also an altogether unexpected punch in the riotous finale. With Bobby Breen, Kent Taylor, Marla Shelton, Joyce Compton and Pedro de Cordoba. Coming to the **NANKING.**

"Oh, Johnny, How You Can Love."—Swift action, lots of laughs and a thrill or two mark this gay comedy romance of a runaway American heiress and her adventures with cops, crooks and romantic car drivers on a cross-continental highway. With Tom Brown, Peggy Moran, Allen Jenkins, Donald Meek, Isabel Jewell and Betty Jane Rhodes. Coming to the **GRAND.**

"Mexican Spitfire."—The Girl from Mexico gets into another hilarious jam soon after her return to New York with the laddie she married in the film of that name. This involves a haughty English peer and her snooty rival for her husband's affections and takes the principals to the land of hot tamales. They return in time for a riotous pie-throwing finale at what starts out to be a wedding. With Lupe Velez, Leon Errol, Donald Woods, Linda Hayes, Elisabeth Risdon and Cecil Kellaway. Coming to the **NANKING.**

To Dine and Dance

ARCADIA.—Russian cuisine. Ermoll's orchestra. Floorshow.

BALALAIKA.—Mike's orchestra; also Raisky's balalaika band.

BOLERO.—Night Club. Harry Fisher's band.

BRER FOX.—Night club and restaurant. Dinner and dancing every evening, Sunday's excepted. Geza and Gino. Tafet and Schlittner. Anders—Fox Follies of 1940.

CASANOVA.—Gloria Andico's orchestra. Anatoly and Olympia.

CATHAY HOTEL LUNGE.—Morning and afternoon tea and cocktails.

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EVENTAIL.—Night club with floorshow.

FARREN'S.—Orchestra. Duo Musanoff, Svetlanoff Duo, Kulpa Sisters and Orlowsky.

HONEYMOON.—Cabaret. Roman's Serenaders.

HUNGARIA.—Night club. Hungarian cuisine. Hartmann's swing band. Krasso, Schapiro and Ballan.

JESSFIELD CLUB.—Night club with E. Boder, S. Havsky and Barten. Lilly Flohr.

MASKEE.—Night club—dinner. Winners, Ruff, Barton and Warner.

METROPOLE HOTEL.—Grill and dining rooms for business tiffins and other occasions.

PALACE HOTEL.—Tea lounge, snack counter and grill room. Dinner dance daily excepting Sundays. Ullstein's orchestra.

PARAMOUNT BALLROOM.—Cabaret.

PARK HOTEL.—Dancing nightly. Sunday tea dance. Itkis' orchestra. Floorshow.

ROXY.—Night club, Jack, Charles and James.

Orchestra at the Hungaria

This bright Continental orchestra from left to right are:—Lazaro, Ballan, Schapiro, Taburin, Krasso and Hartmann.

Lilly Flohr

Smart entertainer who appears nightly at the Jessfield Club.

Bateman-King School "Fantasies"

"Fantasies," the forthcoming recital of the Bateman-King School of Dancing will take place at the Lyceum Theatre on March 30 and 31. With colourful scenery and an endless variety of dances in lovely costumes, performed by over 110 pupils of the school, this entertainment should prove of interest to children and grown-ups alike.

"Les Patineurs," a very colourful ballet costumed in the style of olden days will be danced by some of the junior members, Joy Blackwood, a well known senior pupil taking the lead. As an example of the Greek dance, an interpretation of Beethoven's Sonata, entitled "Friezes" will be danced by Catherine Henchman, Margo Weyler, Ingrid Brims, Gilian Corfield, Pat White and Esther Magruda. The setting is a Greek temple and the dancers are dressed in draperies of mauve, gold and deep blue.

In striking contrast to the above two divertissements there will be gay Tyrolean with its very happy music and gay costumes. Carol Bateman is, as usual, responsible for costumes.

Pat White will be seen in a solo "Chanson Nègre," a caricature depicting the whimsicalities of the negro. "By Candlelight" opens the recital, wherein the tiny tots of the school make their entrance with a pillow dance after which Granny tells them real stories before they go to bed.

Miss Mary Stewart to Give Recital

A very attractive recital is announced by Miss Mary Stewart, contralto, for Friday, April 5 at 9.15 p.m. in the Lyceum Theatre. Miss Stewart, who needs no introduction to Shanghai audiences has arranged a most interesting programme including arias and songs from the works of Durante, Haydn, Mozart (in Italian) Schubert, Brahms, Strauss. Wolff, Mahler (in German) Debussy and from Bergerettes (in French) Sibelius, Sinding, Cyril Scott, Arnold Bax, Dunhill (in English).

The net proceeds of the concert are to be donated to a local charity.

"Night Must Fall"

A talented cast has been assembled by Mr. E. G. Smith-Wright for the production of "Night Must Fall" due at the Lyceum Theatre on April 10 and the three following nights. Mrs. C. J. Merritt who has been doing some excellent work on the Lyceum stage recently, plays the part of a neurotic old woman round whom the plot of the play is woven. In the part of the villain of the play is Mr. W. H. Spring who makes his first appearance under the auspices of the A.D.C; although this will be Mr. Spring's first appearance on the Lyceum stage he comes here with a reputation as an amateur actor of the first rank; he played the lead of "Night Must Fall" two or three years ago with great success at Hankow.

The main humour of the play is provided by Mrs. Arnold-Jones whose character study of the cook is a thing to be remembered. Miss Joyce Middleton makes a very welcome reappearance with the A.D.C. and has a part of considerable importance. Mr. J. E. Sifton is well suited in his part while Mr. J. S. Chisholm has one of those policeman parts in which he is an adept. Mrs. Whittington and Miss Sharp round up a good cast in supporting parts.

"Turkey in the Straw"

Featured this week by the dance band at the Casanova Ballroom is a time-honoured American song, "Turkey in the Straw," which has been specially arranged by Al Moon and Jefferson Andico, and sung in comedy style by Moon, who is one of the most important members of the band. The band is under the direction of Miss Gloria Andico, who also sings and plays various instruments. The Casanova has foreign hostesses and is open all night.

Hollywood Come-backs Prove Gold Mine

Revived Stars Setting Pace at Box Offices

In spite of worldwide searches by talent scouts, and fortunes spent on developing newcomers, Hollywood still follows the "come-back" trail to find its greatest stars. Every once in a while, a Cinderella is discovered in a beauty parlor or behind a glove counter, and is catapulted overnight to fame and fortune.

Nevertheless, theatre marquees are ablaze today with the names of stars who climbed back up there after tumbling down the hill toward oblivion. There is an imposing list of box-office draws who came back when Hollywood had said they were through. Just glance at the names of Myrna Loy, William Powell, Clark Gable, Claudette Colbert, Marlene Dietrich, Mae West, Allan Jones, Douglas Fairbanks and Constance Bennett, to mention only a few.

Latest and most spectacular addition to the list, of course, is Marlene Dietrich, who after two years of inactivity has returned to the screen with triumphant success in Universal's "Destry Rides Again," in which she plays a rowdy dancehall queen and James Stewart appears as a young frontier deputy.

To go back a little further, it's no secret that such present-day stars as Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert were "farmed out" by their home studios to do Frank Capra's "It Happened One Night." Nobody thought anything would come of it—until after the preview.

Myrna Loy's Return

The case of Myrna Loy has been cited too often to need repeating—the case of a talented girl lost in siren roles, who was changed into her natural character and thereby made a first-flight star. As for William Powell, when he left Warners a few years back, Hollywood gave him a lot of sympathetic sighs but not much else. They couldn't believe it when MGM signed him to a contract.

Douglas Fairbanks and Kay Francis are other Warner "graduates" who successfully followed the comeback trail. Fairbanks went to England, and there found the roles and the pictures that forced Hollywood to bring him back as a top-rank player. Kay elected to stay in Hollywood, carefully chose her roles, and did so creditable a job in "In Name Only" that she has been handed the leading role opposite Deanna Durbin in "It's A Date."

Mae West, in seclusion for two years, has chosen what is probably the film colony's most unusual method of re-asserting herself. For years casting directors have dreamed of a picture costarring Mae West and W. C. Fields, but they all figured it would be impossible for two such individualistic stars to get along together. Well, Mae and Bill have been working side by side right now in "My Little Chickadee" at Universal.

New Dance Orchestra

The management of the Brer Fox announces the opening of a new orchestra, Alex and His Jam Session, in their spacious premises on Friday, with a change of floorshow at the same time. Many will regret to see the present band leave, but as time marches on, there must be changes.

Currently the floorshow consists of six interesting items by the Fox Follies and Larissa Anders. The programme opens with a modern version of "St. Louis Blues," the ensemble stepping into a fast pace. The Follies also present "La Chansonette," a snappy song and dance turn, and conclude their routines with "Nola," a modern novelty turn. Miss Anders in two turns performs characteristically, "Swing That Thing," (jazz in white) and "Lulu's Back in Town," Negro number.

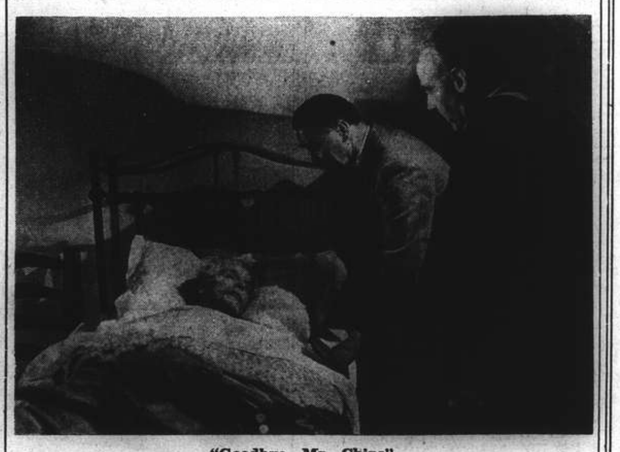
"Escape to Paradise"

Marla Shelton has a prominent role soon at the Nanking Theatre.

Musanoff Duo

At Farren's, the Musanoff Duo with their sensational turns are affording thrills nightly to patrons, who have accepted them as one of the best Continental teams to appear here in months. Their repertoire is extensive and, what is more, original, and each week they present at least one new novelty. Their balancing act took everybody "by storm," and they have more of the same kind.

Three other acts round out the long bill, which consists of eight turns nightly. The Kulpa Sisters, a smart adagio and dancing unit, bring to Shanghai a refined style of entertainment, acrobatic, ballroom or character. The Svetlanoffs, pleasing in their ballroom turns are always well received, as is Orlowsky, who rates among the top toe dancers in the Orient.



"Goodbye, Mr. Chips"

Acclaimed by the Academy of Motion Pictures, having gained its award for the best male interpretation of 1939, Robert Donat dominates the bill at the Roxy Theatre today. Greer Garson is in support.

Paramount in England

The plans of American companies for making pictures in England are developing rapidly. Paramount has announced an ambitious scheme with a total estimated cost of £300,000. There are not many details available except as to subjects. One of them, and the most important, is concerned with the Knights of the Round Table and in this Miss Vivien Leigh will probably appear as Guinevere with Laurence Olivier as Sir Launcelot. This may or may not be a duplication of the picture on the same subject with which the names of Norma Shearer and Ronald Colman were recently associated.

The next film in order of interest is a version of J. M. Barrie's famous comedy, "The Admirable Crighton." On its production, this play was a great stage success, and in it Sir Gerald Du Maurier and Miss Irene Vanbrugh played leading parts. In the forthcoming screen version the masterful butler will be played by Cary Grant. It would be difficult to imagine two actors more different in style than Cary Grant and Gerald Du Maurier. Another of the Paramount group will be based on the life of Barney Barnato, who was associated with Cecil Rhodes in developing the South African diamond fields. For the rôle of Barnato a surprising choice has been made in Anton Walbrook, who was Prince Consort to Anna Neagle's Queen Victoria.

"Fairy of the Carnival"

To honour their ballet-meister and his partner, Seroff and Manjelei, the Russian Light Opera are giving a gala performance of the "Fairy of the Carnival" in the Lyceum on Thursday. The show is to be repeated on Saturday and Sunday nights. Among those taking part are Orlovskaya, Kudinoff, Slobodskoy, Valin, Rosen and Nevskaya.

Seroff and Manjelei will inerpret several dances, supported by the ballet.

Garbo's Screen Future

Greta Garbo shares with Charley Chaplin the supreme art of keeping the public on the qui vive. Every year one hears of a coming retirement to a Swedish home, and, then, one learns that she will make at least one more picture and, possibly, three or four. In "Ninotchka" she has scored a success in a light-hearted comedy. The question arises (or is raised) will she continue in the light mood, or will she return to somewhat ponderous tragedy?

But just now there is no talk of retirement to Sweden. On the contrary, she has sent for her Swedish family, so that in Hollywood they will be well away from the perils of prediatory dictators. And she has revived the statement that she will make the Madame Curie picture, which a few months ago was supposed to be shelved indefinitely.

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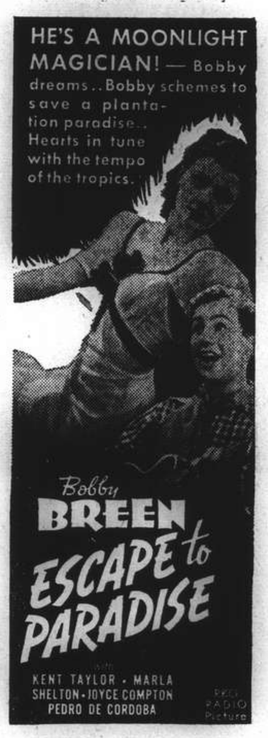

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THE SPORTS PAGE

I.R.C. Grand National to Be Run This Afternoon

Rye Tipped to Win Followed by Sammy; Jockey Cup May Go to Smart Guy; 3rd All Comers Race

By "Ching"

THE International Recreation Club are holding today on the Shanghai Race Course the 3rd day of their 28th Annual Race Meeting with the first saddling bell at 11.30 a.m. There will be a tiffin interval after the second race, with first bell after lunch at 2 p.m. It is a good programme, as in addition to eleven races on the flat, nine of which are handicaps, there is the I.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase, which is also a handicap, and will possibly appeal to many as a race not to be missed.

This event will be run at about 2 p.m. and of the ten ponies entered, it is expected at least eight will start. Sammy tops the handicap with 5 lb. extra, followed by Steve Brodie 4 lb. up, and Rye 3 lb. up. It may be that from these three the winner will come. For choice shall name Rye to win, followed by Sammy. Socrates is a fair each way bet.

The I.R.C. Jockey Cup

I am a little doubtful in making a selection of one to win this Novice Riders race, but if Smart Guy is among the starters, I like his prospects of winning, with Flyaway and Little Joe, to place.

Today the "All Comers are asked to compete at 9 furlongs....I am reckoning on the Starling not being a starter; if he should, even with his 8 lb. penalty he could win. With him out, I must give Corporal to win, this provided he has the same jockey in the saddle as he had on Saturday, when he ran a good second to The Starling.

The Kiangwan Handicap

This handicap at 11 furlongs for 3rd and 4th class ponies will be run off under A.B.C.D. and E. classes and as ponies likely to run well I must mention Cord, Second Thoughts, Mistylight, Moonshine, Dallington, Petruska, Primroseray.

The Easter Monday Handicap

This handicap, also at 11 furlongs is closed to 1st, 2nd and Unclassified ponies, and will be run for under A.B.C. and D. classes. Among the following, I hope two or more of the winners may be included: Slow Motion, Don Blanco, Flyinglight, Vim, Magic Eve and Merry Guy.

Hong Bowling to Go on Tonight

New Leaders Established In Both Sections; Latest Handicaps Published

Competition in the Commercial Ten Pins (Handicap) League has developed into a most interesting affair as both the Press and Communications, hitherto leaders in the two sections, have met defeat. The setback gave Accountants the lead in the Hardwood Section. In the Softwood Section Insurance and Communications are tied for first place.

Individual records also underwent a change. Ruff Cochran now has the highest single of 262 while Boyle scored the best triple of 688. Team single honours went to Transportation who chalked up 1,039 while Insurance gained the best team triple of 2,999.

Tonight's Handicaps

Accountants		**Automobiles**	
Cochran	10	Carson	1[illegible]
Maitland	16	Huppunan	21
Xavier	20	Bourne	21
Watton	22	Ricks	3[illegible]
Eisenhut	29	Manney	45
		Gill	49
Communications		**Insurance**	
James	22	Hale	8
McClellan	34	Gonsalves	10
Perry	37	Anderson	15
Dwyer	39	Hebel	22
Lambo	41	Blake	27
Hemsworth	51	Lorenzen	38
Chase Bank		**Commerce Express**	
Robinson	14	Katz	23
Lemneck	23	Laxton	29
Karr	35	Madar	33
Ryan	38	Bercovitch	43
Miller	60	Shean	47
		Golding	52
J. Ch. of Com.		**Press**	
Deegan	12	Butler	10
Guay	13	Inwood	19
Cullinan	22	Morang	24
Clark	24	Barton	30
Huebner	25	Ladd	3[illegible]
Quinn	28	Howard	47
Telephones		**Texaco Stars**	
Klovekorn	21	Krause	17
Smith, H. M.	24	Cox	30
Souter	24	Mayger	38
Hartnett	25	Worden	38
Cuthbert	34	Drager	42
		Stiles	44
1st Bn. U.S.M.C.		**2nd Bn. U.S.M.C.**	
Roles	17	Boyle	16
Blais	18	Barton	18
Wells	18	Winecoff	18
Williams	19	Reper	19
Ashley	25	Halvorsen	25
Brunetti	27	Livingston	26
Krencicki	31	Hansell	2[illegible]
		Kolwyck	30
		Testerman	34
Texaco Bears		**Transportation**	
Taylor	29	Ross	23
Stocker	31	Elliott	29
German	31	Bordwell	30
Willis	38	Parkill	32
Shoemaker	3[illegible]	Hubert	33
Foyn	42	Smith, S. C.	34
Thomson	47	MacKeller	38
		Danzy	44
		Farmer	46
Hq. U.S.M.C.		**Yankee Consuls**	
Dolinsek	13	Collins	35
Uhlinger	15	LaMont	28
Fiori	15	Butrick	42
Allen	19	McFayden	44
Messersmith	26	Engdahl	45
Cone	27	Mulliner	55
Brown	39	Doodha	61

Team Standing

Hardwood Section	Won	Lost	P'ct.	Pin Fall Incl. H'cap
Accountants	7	2	.778	8408
Texaco Bears	6	3	.667	8293
J. Ch. of Commerce	6	3	.667	8256
Press	6	3	.667	8209
1st Bn. U.S.M.C.	5	4	.556	8211
Hq. U.S.M.C.	3	6	.333	8101
Yankee Counsuls	2	7	.222	7640
Automobiles	1	8	.111	7970
Softwood Section				
Insurance	6	3	.667	8541
Communications	6	3	.667	8258
Telephone	5	4	.556	8369
Texaco Stars	5	4	.556	7952
2nd Bn. U.S.M.C.	4	5	.444	8434
Transportation	4	5	.444	7700
Chase Bank	3	6	.333	8329
Commercial Express	3	6	.333	7847

League Records

Single—Cochran	262
Triple—Boyle	688
Single—Transportation	1039
Triple—Insurance	2999

Big Circus Show at Y.M.C.A. Friday

80 Talented Performers To Take Part

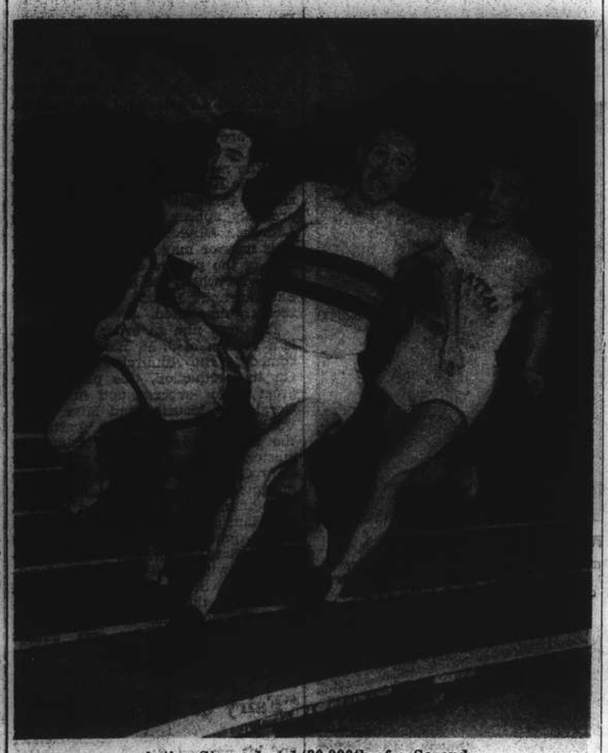
On Friday night at 8.45 p.m. the Foreign Y.M.C.A. will lift the tent cover on the greatest show of the year. The three ring circus, clowns, Roman aerial artists, dancers, ballet performers, flying ring artists and many others will present their skill in a two hours' show.

The show will open with a Grand Entry Parade led by a 6 piece brass band and followed by 80 performers and will close with Mme. Zaza's Royal Russian Ballet. Between these two acts are more than 20 entirely different numbers—vaulting, leaping and somersaulting over the elephant's back. Prof. Whipps' and his trained horse, pyramids reaching from floor to ceiling and stretching the length of the gym.

As guest performers the show has been fortunate in securing the services of the two outstanding gymnasts in the Far East. S. A. Touchkoff, International Gymnastic Champion of Shanghai and G. Giuseppe, side horse champion will display their skill and daring in routines never before seen in Shanghai. Three of Shanghai's business girls—Misses B. Barros, R. Samuel and Miss M. Silva—will perform high above the heads of the spectators in the Russian Ballet, in a number new to gymnastic followers in Shanghai.

Toni Belling tap dancer par excellence, will present a solo number. A tap dancing chorous and other dance numbers are included in the programme. Roman games of combat and races to be staged by the Junior members of the Association. They will gavot madly around the hippodrome track. A double trapeze and cloud swing by members of the Foreign "Y" gym team will catch the breath of the spectators. Men of perfect physique will exhibit artistic group poses depicting the sporting life of Shanghai.

Tickets are now on sale at the Service Counter in the Association at $1 and $2 for reserved seats.



Action Stopped at 1/30,000th of a Second

In an amazingly successful experiment at the Boston Garden which enabled the photographer to take pictures with an exposure of 1/30,000th of a second as compared to 1/1,000th of a second possible by the average newspaper camera, these runners show their stopped motion so completely that photographic details never before seen in action photos were clearly visible. The athletes are (left to right) W. Fritz, Queen's University, Ontario; Charles Beetham, the winner, of New York; and John Quigley. One of the M.I.T. professors who invented the high speed photo process, which has attracted worldwide attention, is Dr. Harold E. Edgerton, who with International News Photos, sponsored the taking of pictures using for the first time the new process on a news assignment. Note the absolute clarity of the runners' expressions.

Russians Smash Opposition

Hazelwood Team Defeated; Losers Put Up Good Fight Before Going Down

A total of nine matches, including a forfeited tussle, were played off during the past week-end in the Foreign Y.M.C.A. Invitation Volleyball League. Russian Regiment registered another victory by defeating Hazelwood in straight sets in an important contest. The Russians won the first set by a fairly easy score of 15-7, but received stiff opposition in the next one which went to deuce on two occasions before the issue was finally decided at 17-15.

The Regimental team proved steadier and had great advantage at the net as the players were tall and rangy. The Foreign "Y" Giants disposed of Aurora also in straight sets by 15-8 and 15-13. The collegians lacked teamwork and they broke up under pressure on many occasions.

Game to Merry Fellows

Merry Fellows scored a hard-fought victory over St. Georges "B" by the odd set in three with a margin of 15-5, 8-15 and 15-7. The winners, after winning the first set, took things easy and allowed the score to be tied. In the third and deciding set Merry Fellows again settled down and ran out winners with a fine spurt towards the end.

The Saints, composed of footballers of the S.F.X. team, proved too weak for the Sokols who won by a lopsided score of 15-1 and 15-1.

The Russian Club received a walk-over from Navy Y.M.C.A. who were unable to field a team.

Erin Villa Lose

Four encounters were played off in the women's section. The Chinese teams, You Hsing and Ming Lih, continued to win when the former disposed of Erin Villa "A" by 9-15, 15-7, 15-7 and the latter trimmed Erin Villa "B" 15-4, 15-3.

You Hsing's inability to win in straight sets was a surprise as the Chinese champions had never lost any set before. They were over-confident and permitted the Erin girls to take too big a lead.

The "Y" Aldesi trounced the Whites by 15-2 and 15-2 while the Reds edged out the Sokols after three hard-fought sets by 15-12, 8-15 and 15-8.

Rugby Union Results

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 24.

The following are the results of Rugby Union matches played yesterday:

Rosslyn Park 11, Bedford 13
St. Mary's Hosp. 5, Army Fifteen 3
Aberavon 3, Neath 0
Bridgend 31, Penarth 0
Bristol 5, Ponty Pool 6
Coventry 6, Northampton 15
Ebbwvale 8, Crosskeys 0
Gloucester 19, Guy's Hospital 6
Midlands 18, Barbarians 34
Newport 11, Cardiff 8
Bath 6, Metropolitan Police 11
—Reuter.

Chinese Company, S.V.C., Hold Annual Camp

Mob Dispersal, Sandbagging Studied by Volunteers

Almost a full force of the Chinese Company, S.V.C., went into the annual camp last week-end. The men of all ranks, with their beddings, etc., assembled at the Drill Hall on Saturday noon in full kit. Major Z. Y. Chen, the Commanding Officer of the unit, accompanied and assisted by Lieutenants H. E. Yu, D. K. Wong, N. S. Li, C. E. Chow and D. K. Chang, inspected the men on parade and supervised the successful carrying-out of the programme of work in camp which was previously approved by the Commandant of the Corps.

The duration of the camp was from Saturday noon to Sunday evening and the subjects taught in camp included Sandbagging, Barbed Wiring, Lectures and Drills in Street Fighting and Mob Dispersal, and Sand Table Lecture on "The Platoon in the Attack in a Built Up Area," besides arms inspection and rapid fire training,—each subject being in charge of an Officer.

Majors Bartley and Mann, Sgt.-Major Feltz and Q. M. Sgt. Lee, of the Corps Headquarters, visited the camp on Saturday and Sunday and saw the men go through the various subjects with keen interest. On Sunday, Colonel Hornby, the Commandant, inspected the men and took lunch with the Officers and men in camp and saw the men drilling in Mob Dispersal and doing the wiring, etc.

Before decamping on Sunday, the opportunity was taken for distribution of prizes by Major T. A. Zee, the veteran Commander of the Chinese Company and now on the Corps H. Q. Staff.

The Interpreter Company, also under the Command of Major Z. Y. Chen, and supported by Lieutenants D. K. Wong, S. M. Zee, Y. T. Tsoong and J. F. Share, went into their annual camp on February 17 and decamped on February 18. The turnout of this unit was a creditable one and a similar interesting programme of work in camp was carried out with great success.

British Regional League Soccer

Arsenal Trounce Chelsea; Southampton Defeated by Portsmouth 1-3

London, Mar. 24.

Following are the results of Association football matches played in the Regional League yesterday:

South C
Arsenal 3, Chelsea 0
Fulham 2, Tottenham Hotspur 3
Millwall 4, Brentford 1
Portsmouth 3, Southampton 1
West Ham 2, Charlton Athletic 0

South D
Bournemouth 5, Brighton & Hove 0
Crystal Palace 5, Southend United 2
Norwich City 1, Watford 0
Queen's Park Rangers 3, Aldershot 1
Reading 0, Clapton Orient 2

Midland
Birmingham 2, Walsall 1
Leicester 1, Luton 2
Northampton 3, Wolverhampton 0
West Bromwich 3, Coventry 1

East Midland
Chesterfield 3, Doncaster Rovers 1
Lincoln City 1, Nottingham Forest 0
Notts County 0, Barnsley 6
Rotherham United 0, Sheffield United 4
Sheffield Wednesday 2, Grimsby T. 1

Western
Chester 3, Stoke 3
Crewe 2, Everton 1
Liverpool 0, Wrexham 0
Manchester C. 2, New Brighton 3
Port Vale 1, Manchester U. 3
Tranmere 2, Stockport 2

North Western
Blackpool 8, Accrington 1
Bolton 2, Blackburn 0
Burnley 4, Oldham 3
Carlisle 3, Bury 3
Preston 5, Rochdale 0
Southport 3, Barrow 3

South Western
Bristol City 3, Plymouth Argyle 4
Swansea Town 1, Cardiff City 0
Torquay United 4, Swindon Town 3

North Eastern
Bradford City 4, Hartlepools U. 0
Halifax Town 2, Huddersfield 3
Hull City 4, Bradford 1
Leeds United 3, York City 1
Newcastle U. 3, Middlesbrough 5

Scottish War Cup

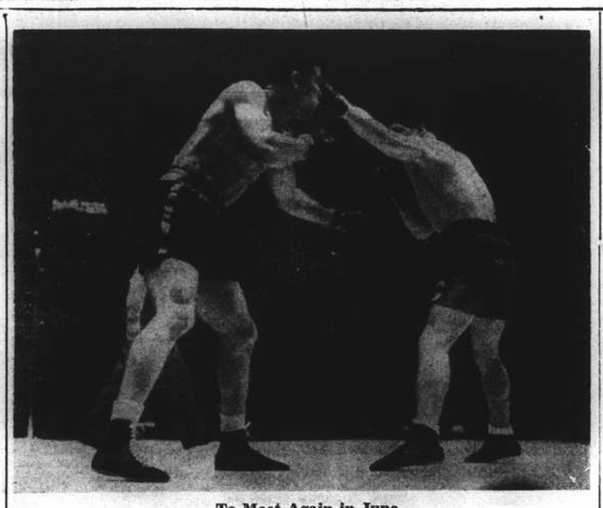
Results of third round of the Scottish War Emergency Cup played yesterday were:

Airdrieonians 0, Hearts 0
Dundee United 3, Kilmarnock 0
Motherwell 3, Clyde 0
Rangers 3, St. Mirren 1

Results of Scottish League fixtures were:

Western
Ayr 2, Third Lanark 4
Celtic 4, Dumbarton 0
Morton 2, Albion 3
Queen of South 4, Partick 1

Eastern
Alloa 2, Hibernian 3
Arbroath 1, Dunfermline 3
Dundee 5, Stenhousemuir 2
East Fife 6, King's Park 1
Falkirk 8, St. Bernards 1
St. Johnstone 3, Aberdeen 0.—Reuter.



To Meet Again in June

Joe Louis, here receiving a punch in the eye, is to meet Godoy, who is delivering the punch, in a return bout in June according to the latest announcement. This picture was taken during their last bout in which the Bomber won a more than doubtful decision.

Young Britons to Race French Youth

Cross Country in France Now Being Planned

London, Mar. 19.

A big scheme to stage an international cross-country race between British and French junior teams in France is under discussion between the athletic controlling bodies of the two countries.

The race, which will probably be run very soon would be regarded as a substitute for the annual international cross-country race in which six countries usually take part.

"The Amateur Athletic Association have already given their consent to this plan," an official of the French Federation told Reuter. "It now only remains for the military and other higher authorities to give their consent. Those under calling-up age limits in both countries would be eligible for the race. It would be a good answer to the German propagandist machine which is always boasting of how the youth of its country is looked after."

Belgium and other nations may also be invited to participate.

Another plan which is being seriously considered by the French Federation is that of an Inter-Allied Armies cross-country race, and to this end talks are in progress between London and Paris.—Reuter.

Joe Louis to Meet Paycheck Friday

Bomber Training Harder Than Ever; Return Bout With Godoy in June

New York, Mar. 23.

Mike Jacobs, leading boxing promoter, has given Al Weill, manager of Arturo Godoy who narrowly lost a decision on points last month to Joe Louis, a verbal agreement for a return match between the Chilean fighter and the Brown Bomber for the world heavyweight title in June, it was understood today.

The Chilean fighter shattered the myth of the Brown Bomber's boxing skill by puzzling Louis with a simple crouch which prevented the champion from landing clean, hard blows to vital spots.

Meanwhile, news was received that Louis was training more vigorously at Greenwood Lake, N.Y., for his title defence bout against Johnny Paycheck in New York March 29 than he has at any time before his nine previous title clashes.

Reports from San Francisco announced the complete recovery of Lou Nova. Physicians have pronounced him fit and he will begin training soon for an east coast campaign. Nova has been suffering from an infection since he was beaten by Tony Galento last autumn.—United Press.

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Brilliant Rookies Must Prove Worth in Major Leagues

Great Promise Shown in Spring Training; Three DiMaggios to Be Playing in "Big Time"

New York, Mar. 23.

ROOKIES again hold the spotlight as the major league teams swing through their training grind in preparation for a new season which may produce a record crop of yearlings. Whether any first-year man can measure up to the standard set last year by rookies Ted Williams of the Red Sox and Charlie Keller of the Yankees is doubtful, but in Dominic DiMaggio, Benny McCoy, and Harold "Pee Wee" Reese the big leagues have three of the most publicized recruits in many years.

The pressure, always great on highly touted rookies, is greatest perhaps on DiMaggio and McCoy. Dominic, youngest of the three ball-playing fishermen from San Francisco, comes up to the Boston Red Sox with the fame of brother Joe preceding him and the praise of Pacific Coast experts in his ears.

DiMaggio hit .361 for San Francisco in 1939, led the Coast League with 164 runs and 366 total bases, and was third with 239 hits 49 doubles and 18 triples. Smaller than Joe, Dom is rated equally as good as his older brother in the field and in throwing, and his Pacific Coast backers say that, despite the spectacles he wears, he will hit nearly as often, if not as hard as Joe.

Sold Himself for $45,000

McCoy, who sold himself to Connie Mack, of the Philadelphia Athletics, for U.S.$45,000 after Judge Landis had ordered him released from Detroit because of irregularities in the Tigers' farm system, must overcome the pressure attached to the highest price ever paid a free agent for signing a contract.

McCoy is not a complete stranger to the American League scene, having played in 55 games for the Tigers last season when second baseman Charlie Gehringer was hurt.

McCoy batted .302 with Detroit and .323 with Toledo in the American Association, before reporting to the Tigers. He is expected to play second in Connie Mack's "kid" infield which the veteran leader hopes will bring him a pennant in 1941!

Most Popular Player

While Reese, Brooklyn Rookie, received as much publicity as DiMaggio and McCoy, the pressure on him to make good was not as strong as on the other two, for Reese is a shortstop and is not expected to replace Manager Leo Durocher as a regular this season.

Reese was the outstanding star of the Little World Series last fall between Louisville, of the American Association, and Rochester, of the International League. He was named Louisville's most popular player in 1939. He is a sensational fielder and a base running throwback to Ty Cobb and Max Carey. He hit .279 for Louisville in 1939.

Cleveland will have two rookies tabbed for future greatness at shortstop and second base in Lou Boudreau and Roy Mack. They were brought up late last season to plug the keystone gap that has troubled the Indians since the passing of Joe Sewell and Bill Wambsganss, and Manager Oscar Vitt believes he finally has found a reliable pair.

A Fielding Star

Washington brings up a shortstop nearly as highly touted as Reese in Jimmy Pofahl. A fielding star, Pofahl also hit .302 for Minneapolis in the American Association in 1939, was second with 128 runs, fourth with 176 hits and fifth in total bases. Manager Bucky Harris thinks enough of Pofahl to count on him as his regular shortstop for 1940.

Outfielder Walter Judnich is expected to be the St. Louis Browns' outstanding newcomer, purchased from the Yankees, who had him at Newark in the International League last season. Judnich hit only .284, but his drives were timely and long. Fifty-seven of his hits went for extra bases and he drove in 105 runs, a second in the league.

Four good-looking young pitchers are coming up in the American League, two of them with the Yankees. Marvin Breuer and Tom Reis are the Yankee newcomers. Breuer won 17 and lost 6 with Kansas City in the American Association in 1939, while Reis won 17 and lost only 4 for the same team.

Struck Out 132

Detroit drafted left-handed Tom Seats from Sacramento in the Pacific Coast League, where Seats won 21 and lost 14, striking out 132 batsmen. Boston brings back Woodrow Rich, a right-hander, who started the 1939 season with the Red Sox like a star, but hurt his arm and was returned to Louisville, where he broke even in four games. If Rich's arm is well again, he is expected to become a big league star.

In the National League, the Giants are pinning their hopes on rookies more than any other team. Manager Bill Terry plans to use three newcomers in his infield, with shortstop Bill Jurges as the only veteran. At first will be "base" Young, voted the Southern Association's most valuable player of 1939 with Knoxville, where he hit .364 and drove out 21 homers.

Mickey Witek, whose 204 safe hits with Newark led the International League in that department, is slated for second base. He hit .329 and drove in 104 runs. At third base, Glen Stewart, all-around infield star with Jersey City, of the International League, has the inside track. Stewart hit .290 in 1939 and is said to be a fine defensive player.

"Second Hack Wilson"

Dominic D'Allessandro, Pacific Coast League batting champion in 1939 with San Diego, where he swatted .368, is one of the competitors for a regular berth in the Chicago Cubs' outfield. Described as a "second Hack Wilson," D'Allessandro weighs 190 pounds, but is only five feet six inches tall.

Cincinnati brings the oldest of the DiMaggios, Vince, back from the minors. Vince cannot correctly be termed a rookie, since he spent two seasons with Boston in the National League before being sent to Kansas City in 1939, but he is coming back to the big leagues with a reputation for having overcome some of the hitting weaknesses which caused the Bees to let him go. He was the home run champion of the American Association, with 46 round trippers, and led in runs batted in, with 136, while hitting .290.

Another Red prospect is pitcher Joe Beggos who shuttled between New York and Newark for several years as Yankee property. Traded to Cincinnati in January, Beggos may become a National League star and the support needed to offset the expected slump of Derringer and Walters, who won more than half the Reds victories in 1939.

Four Good Prospects

Pittsburg has four good prospects. In the outfield are Bob Elliott and Maurice Van Robays, two hard hitters who came up from Toronto and Montreal respectively at the end of last season and provided Pirate fans with a preview of 1940 power.

In pitcher Johnny Gee the Pirates have the tallest man in baseball, six feet nine inches. He won 20 and lost 10 and pitched five shut-outs with Syracuse last year. Gen. Handley is the only rookie trying to oust his brother from a regular job. Gen, a third baseman with Hartford last year, will attempt to beat out his brother Lee for that position with the Pirates.—United Press.

Old Timers Draw with Modern Experts

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 24.

Golfing "old-timers" James Braid and Alex Herd, playing with a modern rubber-cored golf ball, finished all square against Henry Cotton and Arthur Havers, who used an old-fashioned gutty ball, over 18 holes, at the Sandy Lodge course, yesterday. The match was arranged in aid of funds of the Red Cross.—Reuter.

Canidrome Results

1—300 yd. flat.—1, Golden Dawn; 2, Moody Mask.
Also ran:—Snow Dale, Le Butin, Future Pal, Sir Sewn.
1 length.—Time, 18.02.
Win, $18.30. Forecast 3-2 Div. $177.20.
Place, 1st $10.60; 2nd $15.40.

2—440 yd. flat.—1, Jack O'Lantern; 2, Pokerlaw.
Also ran:—Odin, Wychwood Abbot, State Lottery, Chihli Grey Wolf.
1 length.—Time, 27.27.
Win, $30. Forecast 3-5 Div. $169.20.
Place, 1st $14; 2nd $16.20.
Double Event 1/2 3-3 Div. $63.60.

3—500 yd. flat.—1, Mascaroon; 2, Madam Sloan.
Also ran:—Planet, Go Smiling, Peony, Our Fortune.
½ length.—Time, 30.61.
Win, $45.30. Forecast 4-6 Div. $172.80.
Place, 1st $16.50; 2nd $11.50.
Double Event 2/3 3-4 Div. $161.80.

4—500 yd. flat.—1, Cute Vagabond; 2, Open Blade.
Also ran:—Our Gift, Arams, Flash View, Bernidale.
Short head.—Time, 30.34.
Win, $18.80. Forecast 6-2 Div. $76.80.
Place, 1st $9; 2nd $19.80.
Double Event 3/4 4-6 Div. $141.60.

5—500 yd. flat.—1, Brigand; 2, Olympia.
Also ran:—Young Talgai, Matador, Shanghai Mist, Mr. Hatagee.
½ length.—Time, 30.03.
Win, $23.20. Forecast 2-5 Div. $128.50.
Place, 1st $14.40; 2nd $15.20.
Double Event 4/5 6-2 Div. $49.90.

6—500 yd. flat.—1, Master Zeb; 2, Sou Mei.
Also ran:—City Brat, Copalet, Gallant Mayor, Sapphire.
½ length.—Time, 30.15.
Win, $31.50. Forecast 2-3 Div. $111.40.
Place, 1st $12.20; 2nd $8.70.
Double Event 5/6 2-2 Div. $59.80.

7—500 yd. flat.—1, Cabotin; 2, Mentor.
Also ran:—Feeldale, Great China, Shanghai Life, Stormy Petrel.
½ length.—Time, 29.96.
Win, $38.10. Forecast 6-5 Div. $167.30.
Place, 1st $20.80; 2nd $13.90.
Double Event 6/7 2-6 Div. $109.10.

8—500 yd. flat.—1, Jenny Wren; 2, Chihli Blue Arrow.
1 length.—Time, 29.53.
Win, $35.50. Forecast 4-3 Div. $113.10.
Place, 1st $15.40; 2nd $10.40.
Double Event 7/8 6-4 Div. $65.20.

9—500 yd. flat.—1, Ocean Beauty; 2, Cute Viscount.
½ length.—Time, 29.54.
Win, $28.30. Forecast 4-2 Div. $135.90.
Place, 1st $16.20; 2nd $16.70.
Double Event 8/9 4-4 Div. $89.90.

10—525 yd. flat.—1, Sonny Beaufort; 2, Candid Answer.
1 length.—Time, 30.35.
Win, $8.70. Forecast 5-4 Div. $18.10.
Place, 1st $6.40; 2nd $7.20.
Double Event 9/10 4-5 Div. $22.40.

11—730 yd. flat.—1, Simple Jackie; 2, Woodford.
3 lengths.—Time, 44.46.
Win, $49.40. Forecast 3-2 Div. $259.
Place, 1st $19.40; 2nd $13.80.
Double Event 10/11 5-3 Div. $47.30.
Cash Sweep:—1st Dog No. 12; 2nd Dog No. 449; 3rd No. 809.
Unplaced:—926, 1360, 253.

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NEXT CHANGE!

"High Price" McCoy Plays Pepper

Spring training for the major league baseball season finds Bennie McCoy, who sold himself to the Athletics for U.S.$45,000, peppering the ball to Edward Collins, outfielder, Fred Chapman, outfielder, and Bud Hancken, catcher in California.

Skottowe Cup at Stake Today

Lido Slightly Favoured To Defeat Lusitano in Final at Canidrome

Shanghai's most coveted football trophy—the Prentice Skottowe Cup—will be at stake this afternoon at the Canidrome, starting at 3 p.m., when Lido, winners of the last competition, meet Clube Lusitano in the final round.

The Portuguese defeated the Chinese in the final of the International Cup last Saturday by a score of 3-2, but the boot may be on the other foot today as some important changes are to be seen in the two teams. The Clube will miss the services of E. Victal, Bobby Favacho and T. J. Aldeguer while Lido will have a full team out with the exception of K. H. Waung who has been suspended temporarily by the S.F.A.

Fine Half Back

Vasco Souza is expected to fill the centre berth in the forward line as the Lusitano attack needs men like Favacho and Aldeguer. Souza is a fine half-back and is indispensable in the rear and intermediate lines. But, in order to strengthen the offensive department which is more important than anything, a strategic move must be made.

Sole Weakness

The brunt of defensive play, if Souza is moved forward, will fall on the shoulders of L. Marcal and A. Costa. These two old-timers should be able to cope with Lido's right wing attack, but the weakness seems to lie with the Clube's right backs, Silva and Remedios, who are not up to the class of Marcal and Costa. These two youngsters must take in a lot of hard work and careful play in order to combat players of the calibre of K. S. Suen and C. T. Tsao.

Ground conditions should give Lido the advantage as they are bigger and heavier. However, the Clube players have determined to fight against all odds and their success in the International Cup might help them to upset the favourites.

Teams

Archie Sinclair will act as referee. The teams are:

Lido:—T. U. Loh, L. K. Chang, N. Z. Lee, Z. Z. Tsaing, N. L. Meng, Z. H. Nie, M. S. Chang, V. K. Hyui, Z. Kiang, K. S. Suen, C. T. Tsao.

Lusitano:—M. Souza, Remedios, Marcal, Silva, A. Costa, A. Aquino, J. Rozario, H. Collaco, V. Souza, L. Rozario, I. Remedios.

Rugby League Results

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 24.

Following are the results of Rugby League matches played yesterday:

LANCASHIRE

Broughton 3, Wigan 15
Oldham 15, Rochdale 11
Salford 0, Swinton 6
St. Helens 11, Leigh 5
Widnes 7, Warrington 3

YORKSHIRE

Batley 3, Hunslet 12
Bramley 4, Halifax 21
Castleford 15, Bradford 19
Huddersfield 15, Hull Kingston 17
Keighley 10, York 10
Leeds 24, Dewsbury 6
Wakefield 5, Featherstone 7

In a match for the benefit of the Red Cross, the Lancashire League lost to the Yorkshire League by 10/13.—Reuter.

Steve Brodie Seen as 'Chase Winner

Rye Expected to Place in Today's Race Over Sticks

By "THE CHASER"

The I.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase is the third race on the programme this afternoon when the International Recreation Club hold the third day of their 28th Annual Race Meeting.

The distance this year is twice round, starting with backs to the Grand Stand Wall, and is a handicap. Ten ponies have been entered and Sammy who has won and placed in steeplechases this season is carrying the heaviest penalty of five pounds while Rye who is the strongest fancy among the racing public at the moment is three pounds over his weight for inches. Steve Brodie will have to carry four pounds extra and Going Slow one pound. I do not think the rest stand as much chance as the four I have just mentioned.

Yesterday's rain may cause the race to be postponed or cancelled but the going will no doubt still be soft if the race is held. Going Slow, who has not been particularly successful over the sticks this season with the exception of the S.P.H.C. Challenge Cup which he won on Rye's jumping faults, may quite easily upset all calculations by winning this race. Rye has won two excellent races on the flat during the last three weeks and taking this as a criterion the public will probably flock to his counter. Steve Brodie with a good rider is a safe bet now that he has forgotten his disturbing habit of running out on the jumps and I would not be at all surprised to see him gallop past the winning post the winner! Sammy is very fit at the moment and his steeplechasing career which dates back several years is very creditable indeed. I think Steve Brodie will win this classic today with Rye next and Sammy third.

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Oxford to Have Skeleton Season This Year

London, Mar. 19.

It has been officially announced that Oxford will have no University cricket in the Parks next summer. Such cricket as takes place will consist of matches among the Colleges Authentics and against some of the public schools.

Several obstacles have led to this decision. All last year's cricket team which beat Cambridge have gone down and there is a shortage of undergraduates. In addition the question of travelling and getting teams to Oxford has to be considered while it is probable that the Parks will not be available for big cricket.—Reuter.

Adml. Yonai Entertains Four Ex-Premiers

Tokyo, Mar. 24.

Admiral Mitsumasa Yonai, the Prime Minister, tonight was host at a dinner honouring four of his predecessors. Invited were Gen. Senjuro Hayashi, Prince Ayamaro Konoye, Baron Kiichiro Hiranuma, and Gen. Nobuyuki Abe. Gen. Abe was recently informally chosen special Japanese Ambassador to Nanking on the occasion of the inauguration of the new administration there, while Prince Konoye is now President of the Privy Council.—Domei.

Japanese Mission on Way to Rome

Rome, Mar. 23.

A mission of Japanese and Manchoukouan commercial experts is expected to arrive in Rome in May, it was learned today.

Signor Angeloni, head of Italian economic services in Tokyo, is also expected here in the near future. His arrival and the arrival of the Japanese mission foreshadow parleys for re-establishment of balanced commercial dealings between Italy, and Japan and Manchoukuo, it was stated.—Havas.

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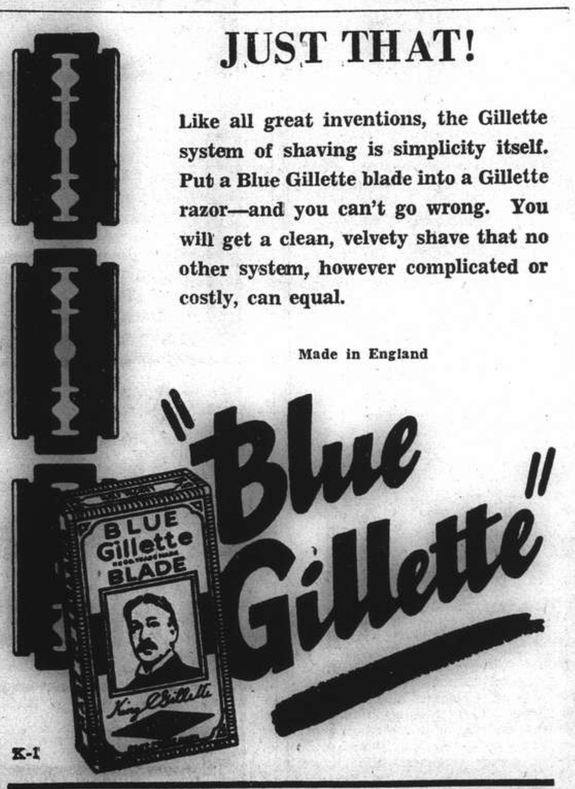

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BALKAN STRUGGLE

The meeting between Signor Mussolini and Herr Hitler in the Brenner Pass last week which was expected to be productive of quick and important results, has not up to the present proved to be so. It is apparently part of the German plan to arrange an Italian-Russian-German guarantee to the Balkans for the maintenance of the present *status quo*, and towards that end there has been some very industrious negotiation. Up to the present that has proved of no avail, simply because of the one important fact that the interests of the three countries in the Balkans are not only not identical, but are to a very great extent in opposition. Russia looks to intervention in the Balkans, firstly to recover Bessarabia, and secondly for the purpose of pushing the world revolution a step further. Germany desires docile Balkan states turning all their attention to the production of those raw materials so essential to her if she is to hope to stave off the effects of the British blockade, while Italy desires a peaceful Balkan bloc, with her influence predominant. Of the importance of Italian interests in that part of the world there cannot be the slightest doubt. Signor Mussolini has pledged support for Hungary against Soviet aggression, and there is nothing at present to suggest that he would not take very active measures were there any threat of Russian movement in the Balkans. Nor is Germany particularly anxious to witness a spread of Russian influence in south-east Europe, but finds that Herr Hitler's commitments are based upon some degree of surrender of the German position in the Balkans, which the Reich is apparently quite prepared to make so long as it does not mean that the supplies for which it is angling are denied it. It is apparent that the respective desires of Italy, Russia and Germany bring them into subterranean conflict, and at the moment all three appear to be jockeying for position before agreeing to any such guarantee as that which it is reported Herr Hitler favours. The situation is a particularly uneasy one for the Balkan States, for while they can look to Italy for support against Russian aggression, there is nothing to show that they can expect anything of the kind in the event of German pressure, or even incursion.

The prizes which the Balkans offer are substantial and real. Vast grain supplies can be obtained from the Alföld of Hungary, cereals, and fruit from Rumania's Transylvania, and also the most coveted oil, cereals, cattle, and ore from Yugoslavia, and agricultural produce, copper, and lead from Bulgaria. Herr Hitler would like to see these countries reduce their industry and devote themselves to agriculture, producing solely for meeting German needs, and making a market for German industrial exports. It is not a scheme which is likely to succeed, however, for no nation will willingly forego its right to develop its resources in the way which seems best to it, and Herr Hitler's large scale economic scheme to make the Balkans complementary to the Reich is not likely to succeed. It would indeed be a major diplomatic success were it to be brought about, but the factors operating against it are not to be disregarded. It is all very well to invite the Soviet to come in, and share the swag, but of that Italy can never approve, while it would watch with a very jealous eye any scheme tending to divert from herself any of the economic advantages which her influential position in the Balkans undoubtedly gives her. It is interesting to note that the proposed offer of the tripartite guarantee of Balkan security arouses no great enthusiasm amongst those states for whose benefit the scheme would *prima facie* appear to be put forward. They realize that there would be no overwhelming benefit to themselves, but rather the creation of a position from which Germany alone could hope to secure advantages, for it is quite apparent that should it materialize, Italy, as in so many of Herr Hitler's little deals, would again not be on the receiving end. Signor Mussolini is astute enough statesman to realize that to admit Russia and Germany to rank *pari passu* with Italy in any such guarantee as is suggested would in the long run amount to an admission of Russia into the Balkans out of which Rome desires to keep her, while at the same time it would strengthen Germany's own position *vis-à-vis* of Italian influence in the peninsula.

To permit of any such development would involve the ultimate surrender of Italy's present strong position, and the obtaining of nothing in return, other than possibly perfervid orations of thanks from the voluble *Fuehrer*. But there is another aspect to the matter. However much Signor Mussolini may have been criticised in the past for his policies, it can never be said of him that he has broken promises or betrayed those with whom he has entered into agreement. That cannot be said of either M. Stalin or Herr Hitler, and no matter how loyally Italy might desire to fulfil such guarantees were they ever given, there is nothing to suggest that the other two parties to the arrangement would not throw the whole thing overboard directly it suited their purposes. It is for that reason that the Balkan States will also regard this latest move with the gravest suspicion. A guarantee given by three countries, of which two whose highest motives achieve no greater altitude than that of bad faith, might prove not only useless but dangerous. It may be said that in this instance it would pay Herr Hitler to keep his word, for the Balkans at war would cease to be sources of the supplies which Germany needs so greatly. A longer view, however, has to be taken than that. What would be the position of the Balkan States were Germany to emerge victorious from the present struggle, and had no further need of their services? Quite clearly Herr Hitler would force them into at least an economic hegemony, in which they would in all probability be completely deprived of their independence. Russia might be permitted to regain Bessarabia, but there is every reason to believe that Italy would be completely left out in the cold. She would have served Herr Hitler's purpose and would be discarded like an old glove. It is clear then that this scheme of Herr Hitler's sired by desperation and mothered by necessity, is nothing but a temporary expedient designed to serve solely the convenience of the Reich. At the best it would give the Balkans a brief breathing space, but nothing more, and at the worst it might lead to the enslavement of more honest and proud, but small nations.

The Shanghai Girl

The correspondence which has been running for some days on the subject of the Shanghai girl draws attention to a development in this city which might otherwise have been overlooked. It is said that because of the collapse of the currency, Shanghai's young men are no longer able to take their girls out because of the increased cost of living, and the demands which entertainment makes upon the slender pockets of youths who have yet to make their way in the world. The result is that Shanghai's maidens are devoting more attention to those men whose locks have been bleached by the passage of time, but whose incomes enable them to give the girls a good time. The young men will do well to remember that it was ever thus. In the early days of mankind it was to the strong that women gave their affection, to the good hunter and consequently the good provider. It is a fact which has been remarked upon more than once through the ages, that when a girl becomes engaged, her friends' first question is as to what sort of job he holds and whether he is a good match from the financial point of view. It is rarely the case that the question is asked whether they love one another. That is by no means taking too cynical a view of the matter and the young man will have to realize that not all young women are prepared to stay at home simply because he is without sufficient funds to take her out as much as she wants. On the other hand he will have the compensation of knowing that, given good luck, time will cure his deficiencies, and that he too in years to come, when he has more pelf than his juniors, will doubtless stand the same chance of taking the girls out, as his seniors are doing now. On the subject of a man and girl going out "Dutch," much has been said, but the fact is that the average man does not like the system. At the very least it is somewhat humiliating to have to look to the girl for her share of the bill, and most men prefer not to do it. There are, however, some girls who are quite willing to do so. They are somewhat few and far between, and that chiefly because so many of them earn so comparatively little that their share of the cost of an evening out represents quite a formidable proportion of their monthly income. Those, therefore, who believe the Shanghai girl is purely mercenary in this matter, need to correct their views, for she has also her own problems arising out of the increased cost of living and the expense of keeping herself always well turned out.

Easter in Britain

It is particularly gratifying to learn that the people of Great Britain did not allow the preoccupation of the war to interfere with their enjoyment of the Easter holidays. If it is true that "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," in normal times, how much truer is it when a country is plunged into the tragedy of war? Record bookings on the railways, thousands of motor cars on Britain's roads, despite the petrol rationing, substantial purchases in the shops, and all the symptoms of the holiday spirit indicate that the British are not yet reduced to taking their pleasures sadly, and that the morale of the country is excellent. Easter has always been noted for the predominance of the holiday spirit more decidedly than any others of the holidays. Marking as it does the emergence from the gloom of winter,—and this winter was a particularly severe and gloomy one,—into the verdant promise of early spring, it has a charm about it which for some reason or other is denied holidays observed later in the year. It may still be cold, and the weather treacherous, but Easter calls for new clothes just as nature is commencing to renew her summer garments. It is unlikely that the seaside resorts were patronized as much as in other years, and that not entirely because of the war and the reduced transport facilities. This year's Easter comes almost as early as the feast possibly can, for the earliest date upon which the festival can be observed is March 21, and though the reports do not state the weather conditions during the holiday, unless it was unseasonably warm it was unlikely that the seaside would form much of an attraction. That more often than not occurs at Whitsuntide, when the seaside season is generally considered to be in full swing. What effect the war will have upon the whole of this year's holiday season remains to be seen, but the chances are that at any rate the resorts on the east coast of Great Britain will not prove as attractive as they do in years of peace. This may lead to the diversion of holiday makers to the west coast, though probably it will prove to be the case that the numbers able and willing to take a summer holiday this year will be very considerably reduced as compared with other and happier years.

Poor Lying

Not content with the unparalleled success of their valiant campaign against unarmed neutral shipping some of which was sunk without any warning whatever, the Nazis recently made a claim that 42,000 tons of British shipping had been destroyed by an air attack upon a convoy. The story was, of course, untrue in every detail, for not one ton was sunk. An attack was made upon a convoy but it was beaten off, and there is a probability that one German machine was destroyed. In two days towards the end of last week the German submarines are reported to have sunk seven neutral vessels, six Danish and one Norwegian. All seven were torpedoed without warning, and forty-five persons, including one woman, are either missing or known to have been drowned. It is to be expected that the commanders responsible for these feats will duly be rewarded with the iron cross as recognition of their valour. All this contrasts so greatly with the British record. A submarine got into the Kattegat one day last week, and encountered in those narrow waters, where the chance of detection is so great, the German vessel Heddernheim. The crew were given fifteen minutes to leave the ship which was then torpedoed and sunk. Since that occurrence the Germans have plaintively complained that instead of allowing fifteen minutes, the commander of the submarine sunk the vessel after five minutes. Whether that is so, or not, the fact remains that none of the crew was killed, and that all with the exception of the engineer taken prisoner, have since returned to Germany. Since then the German propaganda machine has been disseminating reports to the effect that British aviators had instruction to attack and sink neutral vessels. It is just one of the usual type of lie, and not likely to convince any neutral observer, for, if there is anything more against Allied interests than the sinking of neutral vessels, it is difficult to conceive what it could possibly be. That Germany realizes full well, for otherwise she would not be waging this war against neutral shipping, and to invent such a lie as the one mentioned above is but to give another example of the stupid propaganda with which Germany hopes to convince the world of the righteousness of her iniquitous cause.

A Country Diary

Shanghai Mar. 23.—In these days of national economy, preserving crops for prosecution of the war, and whatnot, the old question has once more been raised as to whether or not scarecrows actually do scare crows....and the answer seems to be that, on the whole, they do *not*: this fits in with my observations very well, as I have often seen rooks and other birds sitting on the shoulder of a scarecrow and polishing their beaks on its hat. I am sorry about this because I have an old affection for scarecrows, probably dating back to the time when we had one in our garden and I used to hide all my ill-gotten gains in its pockets: I found out from simple observation that nobody would think of robbing a scarecrow, and my little belongings were as safe in its old coat as if they had been in the Bank of England. But this is beside the point; the question is, how can you keep birds off the crops if labour is scarce and scarecrows are no use? I think the answer is that you must have something which move, for birds very soon get used to anything which is stationary: a merchanical device such as a small windmill, tinkling glass, fluttering paper ....all such things are more effective than a stationary dummy: if you put up the old dummy and move it from place to place every day it will be more serviceable, but you must never let the birds get used to it in one position. As a practical illustration, I can say that when I go down Avenue Joffre and meet a lady wearing a dreadful flower-pot hat stuck on the side of her head, I shy right across the road, but when I have met it two or three times I can walk past it without even jibbing. And I am sure it is just the same with birds.

CALVARY IN NEW MEXICO

Primitive Passion Play Enacted at Easter

The Penitent Brotherhood, a deeply religious and charitable organization, performs in New Mexico annually at Easter a ritual nearly identical with the primitive Passion Play of the Old World of 400 years ago, writes Alice Corbin Henderson in "Brothers of Light." These ceremonies are not performed for an audience, but for the participants, to whom the spirit of the penance and the parable of the Crucifixion are personal and profound. But if you are courteously inclined, you may be permitted to witness this moving Calvary. Much of it indeed takes place in the open countryside. We saw our first *Penitente* ritual at Abiquiu, a bare, austere village of brown earth houses, with tiny white-washed courtyards, facing the distant Sangre de Cristo range. It was on Wednesday of Holy Week. Dusk was falling as we left our car and climbed toward the *Morada*, the adobe chapel of the *Penitente* Brotherhood. Above the quiet of the hills came the sound of chanting voices, the monotonous rise and fall of a sad *Miserere*, and the plaintive note of a wooden *pito*, or flute. Suddenly we saw them, a staggering line of black-cowled, half-nude figures, their naked backs stained a deep crimson from the blows of their yucca whips. The procession was led by a black-robed *Hermano Mayor*, Chief Brother, murmuring over his crucifix; the *Rezadar*, carrying an aged handwritten copy-book; and the *Pitero* with his flute. After them came five cross-bearers, the timber of heavy crosses dragging crunchingly over the ground.

A crude death cart—*Carreta del Muerto*—followed, drawn by a penitent, the rope cutting into his naked bleeding shoulders and armpits. On the wooden vehicle, much like a peasant oxcart with solid wheels, sat Death, a carved figure clothed in black, whose obsidian eyes glared uncannily from its chalk-white face in the half light of a rising moon. The image was gruesomely lifelike, perhaps because underneath those black robes were meticulously carved shoulders and hips beautifully molded like living flesh. In its hands, Death held high a drawn bow, with arrow stretched for flight. Once, tradition says, the figure let fly the arrow from his bow to kill a mocking bystander.

Flagellants Strike Rhythmically

The flagellants came next. The rhythmic strokes of their yucca lashes fell with a wet swish and thud on their dripping backs. The heavy lash was lifted with both hands and swung first over one shoulder and then the other. One penitent, a man of extraordinarily powerful build, had his entire torso tightly bound with branching cactus, his ankles shackled with heavy dragging iron chains. Nearly overcome by emotion quite apart from the physical strain of the ordeal, he was sobbing in the folds of his black silk hood—sobbing the hymn all were chanting:

Penitence, penitence,
Sin no more, unfortunate man....

Far into the night, by lantern light, and during the next day the endless processions and other rituals continued. On Good Friday, though flagellant processions were still going on, a special holiday spirit, subdued by solemnity, pervaded the village. All day people gathered, spread gay Chimayo blankets and waited for the event.

"Is there really going to be a crucifixion?" we asked a small boy as the day wore on into late afternoon.

"*Por qué no?* There always is."

The *Morada* gave no sign of life, save for a thin line of smoke from the chimney. Suddenly a man came out and proceeded to dig a deep hole. The entire hillside became hushed. For some time nothing more happened. Then a group of men carried out a small wooden platform on which stood the almost life-sized figure of Christ in a red dress. Others carried the cross. On it was bound a living man—the supreme penitent. His black-cowled body wore only white cotton drawers rolled up as a loincloth and his wrists and arms were bound by a horsehair rope to the crossbeams. Around his chest a band of linen eased the strain somewhat. Slowly and carefully the cross was raised into place. At his feet, the *Hermano Mayor* and other leaders of the Brotherhood prayed.

For ten, fifteen, seventeen minutes—and they seemed ages long—the figure hung there. Then the head suddenly fell forward, the body slumped, and the men slowly lowered the cross and carried it into the *Morada*. The sun sank at our backs, touching the cliffs and the valleys with a terrible sense of beauty—and of eternity. . . . .

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The Long Jump

IT was his first shore leave since war began, and the last boat was pulling away as he reached the quay side.

He took a running jump and landed in the boat, but was dazed by hitting his head.

The shore was 200 yards away when he looked up. The dazed look gave way to a look of pride.

"Boys," he murmured, "Can I jump!"

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Curtain

AT a camp concert a famous vaudeville star did her turn and received thunderous applause. She took eight curtains.

"Nice of them to give me such a welcome," she mused to the corporal who was stage-manager. "Eight curtains!"

"Don't kid yourself, miss," came his crushing reply. "One curtain was for your good turn. The other seven were because your shoulder-strap had broken."

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Rabbit-Oh!

THE Germans dropped twelve 500 lb. bombs on the Shetland Islands and only succeded in killing a rabbit.

I suggest (writes a "Daily Telegraph" correspondent) that the popular song success of the moment should now read:—

Run, rabbit, run, rabbit, run, run, run;
Don't give the bombers their fun, fun, fun;
They'll get by without their rabbit pie;
Run, rabbit run from the Hun, Hun, Hun.

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Piccolo Player

THE piccolo player in the band was a grumbler. One day the band was playing before a rich Eastern potentate, who was so pleased with the performance that he commanded that all instruments should be filled with gold coins.

"There you are," sighed the piccolo player, "that's a typical example of my luck! Mine is the smallest instrument in the band."

The bandsmen spent the money in a grand spree—with the result that the next performance was not so good.

The potentate was furious and ordered the bandsmen to ram their instruments down their throats.

The piccolo player groaned. "Just my luck again!" he said. "Mine is the only one that will go down."

Norway Sends Further Protests to Reich

Punishment of German Airmen Demanded for Machine-Gunning, Bombing Norwegian Ships; Denmark Deplores "Bitter Good Friday" Toll

Oslo, Mar. 24.

NORWAY has demanded the punishment of the German airmen who machine-gunned and bombed two Norwegian merchant ships recently. This demand was made in protest Notes handed to the German Government yesterday. These Notes follow closely on a protest lodged by Norway on March 8, against Germany's methods of sea warfare.

The first of the new Notes refers to the machine-gunning of the steamer Lysaker on March 3. The ship was struck by bullets, but nobody was injured. The second Note refers to an attack on the Brott, which was bombed by German aircraft on March 1, and escorted into a port on the east coast of England by a lifeboat. It was stated that the German plane machine-gunned the crew while they were lowering boats and after they had got away. Seven of the crew were stated to have been killed.—Reuter.

Oslo, Mar. 23.

Three Norwegian seamen were killed and three others, including the captain, were injured, when German planes attacked the Norwegian ship Tora Elise last Wednesday, the shipowners confirmed today. One of the three injured is in a serious condition. The ship suffered little damage; her nationality was clearly indicated to warn attacking planes they were engaging a neutral craft.

The Norwegian Telegraphic Agency also reported today that a second Norwegian freighter, the Einar Lindoe, was attacked by German warplanes last Wednesday. Eight planes took part in the attack and dropped six bombs, which dropped close by, but caused little damage. One seaman declared a German pilot turned his machine-guns on the ship's decks close to him, but failed to hit him. A war vessel arrived on the scene shortly after the attack began, opened anti-aircraft fire and dispersed the planes, one of which appeared to be badly hit. It probably failed to return to its base, the Agency concluded.—Havas.

"Bitter Good Friday for Denmark"

Copenhagen, Mar. 23.

"It was a bitter Good Friday for Denmark," stated the "Social Demokraten," a newspaper which is closely connected with the Government, commenting today on the fact that German submarines had torpedoed five, perhaps six, Danish merchantmen without warning during the past few days.

The newspaper continued: "The commander of a British submarine gave the German crew of the Heddernheim (which was torpedoed on March 21 in the Kattegat off the coast of Denmark) fifteen minutes' warning. Further comparison is unnecessary. "Even if we recognise that Germany is at war with Great Britain, we cannot accept this unjust form of warfare."—Reuter.

Danish Demarche Made

Copenhagen, Mar. 23.

In an effort to secure the safety of her mercantile marine, Denmark instructed her Ministers in London and Berlin to approach the British and German Governments for discussion of sea warfare.

The Danish Foreign Ministry continues its study of details of the sinking of six Danish ships this week. Demarches will be made to the responsible quarters when the investigation is completed.—Havas.

Jutland Civilians Attacked

Copenhagen, Mar. 24.

A foreign plane, flying low over the west of Jutland, is alleged to have machine-gunned five civilians who were in the fields. None, however, were injured.—Havas.

Danish Ship Sunk by U-Boat

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 24.

Fears that the Danish vessel, the Charkow, which sank with the Minsk on March 19, was sunk by a submarine are further confirmed by the discovery, by a British warship, of a raft belonging to the Charkow, with one body on it.

It is learned that all the crew of the Danish ship Christianborg was landed at a port in the north of Scotland, with the exception of one seaman, who was missing.

News of the sinking of these three steamers brought the number of neutral ships sunk recently to seven. It was learned in reliable quarters in London that all seven were torpedoed without warning.

A charge, broadcast on the German wireless, that British air pilots have been ordered by the Ministry of Air to attack unarmed merchantmen indescriminately, was refuted by an official of the Air Ministry yesterday. No such orders have been given at any time by the Air Ministry, it was stated.

Occasions have occurred, it was added, when armed merchantmen opened fire on British aircraft which, in these circumstances, have not hesitated to reply. It was categorically denied, however, that any British aircraft had ever initiated such an engagement.

Regarding the German wireless allegation of an attack on a Swedish motor vessel at Buenos Aires, it was stated that Air Ministry orders automatically preclude attacks on neutral vessels. It was also noteworthy, the statement added, that there was no record of any protest from the Swedish Government regarding the alleged attack.—Reuter.

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Nazis Drop Easter Flowers, Notes

French Guns Open Up On Propaganda Planes Along Western Front

Paris, Mar. 24.

French planes carried out extensive reconnaissance flights today over the Siegfried Line, photographing important fortifications and troop concentrations, it was disclosed. The German air force was also active, French reports said, making three flights over eastern France, the North Sea and over the Thames estuary and the south-east corner of England.

Loudspeakers up and down the Siegfried Line, on the occasion of Easter, blared pacifist speeches in perfect French today, while German planes roared over the Maginot Line, dropping pacifist tracts and flowers, it was reported. French machine-guns and artillery, however, answered the German "Easter Greetings" and destroyed several broadcasts stations, it was disclosed.

Heavy French artillery today dispersed several groups of German workers in the Vosges and west Vosges sectors who were constructing fortifications close to French outposts, it was learned.—United Press.

Nazi Planes Off Scotland

London, Mar. 24.

Aeroplanes, believed to be hostile, approached the east coast of Scotland yesterday, for the third day in succession. They were apparently reconnoitring for shipping, it was stated.—Reuter.

Air and Patrol Activities

Paris, Mar. 24.

There is nothing of importance to report, says the latest French war communique.

"A quiet day was spent on the whole front. There was some local artillery action," states the earlier French war communique issued here.

French troops had no difficulty in driving back some strong German patrols which approached French lines near the River Blies, it is reported in a communique here dealing with events during the past 24 hours.—Reuter.

German Communique

Berlin, Mar. 23.

The German Air Force carried out numerous reconnaissance flights over France, during the past 24 hours, it is claimed in a High Command communique. The flights, it is said, were carried out despite enemy fighter and aircraft defence. One British machine, the communique claims, was brought down by a Messerschmitt at a great height in the region of Cleve.

The weather was more favourable to air activity and a number of planes took off from both sides, though no air battles were reported. While the British were carrying out their usual North Sea patrols, both French and German pilots were active over the front. Many French planes were sent up with fighter escorts to photograph German defences and military objectives. French planes made several long and medium distance reconnaissance flights over German territory, both by day and night.

German planes were especially active over the French lines in Alsace, and one long reconnaissance flight was made over North France.—Reuter.

Chinese Dollar Falls In Hongkong

Hongkong, Mar. 24.

Following a steady decline during the week, the value of the Chinese dollar today fell below HK$27 for $100. While the exchange market and banking houses were closed because of the Easter holidays, the Gold and Silver Exchange House held sessions yesterday and today.

From HK$27.7 on Monday on the Gold and Silver Exchange House board, the Chinese dollar today was quoted at HK$26.95 for $100. This drop was considered significant in financial circles in view of the support given the Chinese dollar by the Anglo-Chinese Stabilization Fund in Shanghai on Wednesday. Interest tonight centred on the trend of the dollar exchange after the holidays.—Domei.

Britain Buys Whole Crop Indian, Ceylon Tea

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 24.

The Ministry of Food has announced that the British Government bought the whole crop of Indian and Ceylon tea this year. The Government is not importing any more Java, or "common" China grades of tea.—Reuter.

Italian Salaries to Be Increased

Rome, Mar. 24.

An immediate rise of 10 to 15 per cent. in all wages and salaries is the welcome Easter gift to be received by Italians. The rise was decided by a Central Committee of Corporations at a meeting, at which it was revealed that prices had risen 18 per cent. during the past year.—Reuter.

Western Area Gangs Active During Dark

Foreigner Robbed and Police Attacked from Two Ambushes

Connaught Road, bordering on the "badlands," suddenly became the centre of Shanghai outlaw activity early yesterday morning when armed gangs engaged in five affairs within about an hour, including two attacks on the Settlement Police and the robbery of a foreign employee of the China General Omnibus Co. and his chauffeur. Although nearly twenty shots were fired from Mauser pistols at the Police, no one was wounded. Owing to the careful concealment of the assailants in alleyways situated in extra-Settlement territory, the Police did not return fire. The series of outrages brought to a head an intolerable situation which has existed in the district for some time, with many robberies and shootings after which the perpetrators have almost invariably escaped into "outside" territory.

At 2.15 a.m., Mr. E. Ch. Strohmenger, a member of the Bus Company's engineering department, was riding in a private car on his way to work at the Company depot at 1171 Connaught Road when three Chinese appeared in the roadway and commanded the Chinese chauffeur to halt. The spot was in Connaught Road, about 200 yards west of Yenping Road, near the place where Mr. J. D. E. Shotter, manager of the Company, was recently stopped and threatened by armed men, likewise very early in the morning. The three bandits all were pointing pistols at Mr. Strohmenger and his driver, who were forced to hand over the money they had with them. They were robbed of a total of $115, and the gunmen then vanished in the darkness without having fired any shots.

It was later reported to the Police that the members of the gang were Kompo men, judging from their dialect.

The bold robbery took place in a vicinity where recently many other lootings by heavily-armed desperadoes have occurred.

Fired on from Ambush

Some twenty minutes later, two search parties from the Gordon Road Station were both fired upon, from the rear, by unidentified gunmen using Mauser pistols. These parties were operating in Connaught Road when they were attacked. Their assailants were hiding in an alleyway situated outside of Settlement limits, and they fired altogether some fifteen shots at the Police from vantage points near the entrance to the alleyway.

Later, the same search parties reinforced by a squad of uniformed and plainclothes men from the Station were again attacked on Connaught Road, from the entrance to another dark lane in Special Municipality territory, as they were conducting a search for bandits. Only two or three shots were fired by the outlaws this time, and again the Police withheld fire. Two foreigners were in charge of the searchers, Sergeant G. Fichera, Italian, and Detective-Sergeant J. B. Smith, British. Neither they nor the Chinese policemen under their command were wounded.

Sewing Machines Stolen

Yet another case was reported in Connaught Road early yesterday morning. At about 2 o'clock a gang of six Chinese entered a Chinese tailor shop at 372 Connaught Road, terrorized the tenants and stole three sewing machines, two candlesticks and ten pieces of cloth. Although the gangsters did not display any guns, they are believed to have been armed. They escaped. The total value of the loot was estimated at $180.

Raids and searches conducted by members of the Gordon Road Station staff have resulted in six suspects being put under arrest. Some of these are believed to be members of the gang or gangs operating out of alleyways connecting with Connaught Road.

Hitler's Diplomatic Plans Go Astray

Anti-Climax to Brenner Meeting Hinted

Amsterdam, Mar. 24.

Suspicion that Herr Hitler's diplomatic plans have gone astray is gaining ground in political circles in Berlin, according to a report received here.

When the Fuehrer returned from Brenner, the whole German propaganda machine was started up to acclaim his triumph, and official circles hinted a sensational development might be expected any minute. Since then, nothing has happened and expectation has melted into speculation, and forecast.

Neutral observers have pointed out that a meeting like the Brenner conversations would normally only have been staged to crown a *fait accompli*, not at a preliminary stage of negotiation. By the present anti-climax, the dramatic effect of Herr Hitler's dash to the frontier has been completely spoiled.—Reuter.

America's Thirteen Best Dressed Women Chosen by Designers

Miss Gladys Swarthout Selected as "All-American Dresser"; Mrs. Myron Taylor Leads in Public Life

New York, Mar. 24.

America's thirteen best-dressed women, chosen in a poll by 100 leading designers, were announced here on Saturday.

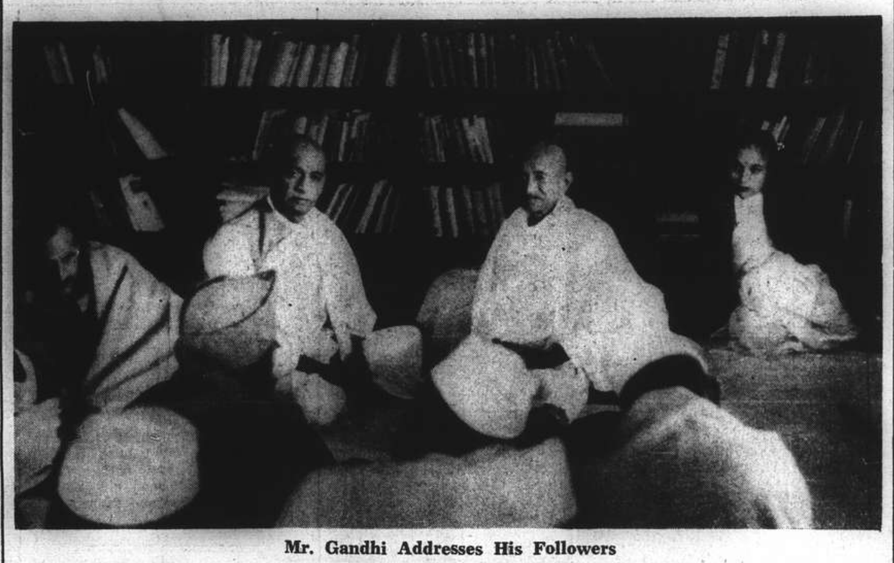
Miss Helen Menken was chosen best-dressed in the radio field; Miss Katherine Hepburn, stage; Mrs. Sarah Palfrey Fabyan, sports and Mrs. Myron C. Taylor, wife of President Roosevelt's personal envoy to the Vatican, was best-dressed in the field of public life.

Miss Josephine Johnson carried off the honours in the debutante field; Miss Hildegarde was best-dressed of all supper club entertainers; Mrs. James H. R. Cromwell, society; Miss Lucy Monroe, opera, and Mrs. Molly McGee, of the radio team "Fibber McGee and Molly," was best dressed comedienne.

Miss Helena Rubinstein was chosen sartorial leader in the business field and Miss Catherine Little in the field of ballet.

Miss Gladys Swarthout, radio, opera and screen star, was selected "All-American Dresser" and Miss Anna Neagle won the prize for "International Screen Sartorial Loveliness."

Last year's winners were not eligible in 1940 competition.—United Press.



Mr. Gandhi Addresses His Followers

Seated in the midst of his disciples, Gandhi, the Indian Nationalist leader, is seen, centre, as he addressed members of the Indian Congress in connection with his recent demand that Britain pledge Indian independence.

Britain Celebrates Easter With Light Heart

Over 10,000 Weddings; War Forgotten During Holidays; Road and Railway Traffic Heavy

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 24.

SHOP assistants were swept off their feet in an attempt to meet the demands of buyers yesterday. Not only in London, but in suburbia also, it was just like an old pre-war Saturday morning, with cars jammed along the pavements which were crowded with chattering women. Easter is a great holiday for Britain, and the Britons were enjoying it to the full, as it was unknown when the next vacation was coming.

The war was pushed aside on this holiday morning. Low-flying British fighting planes which skimmed over the tops of houses, near one of the outlying parks made a "target" for the silent practice of anti-aircraft batteries, but attracted so little attention that scarcely anyone in the streets turned their eyes in the direction of the planes.

The usual morning custom of counting the number of barrier balloons aloft was generally forgotten but there gun crews were always ready for instant action.

Probably due to the petrol rations, motorists drove southward. About 1,000 cars were counted hourly on the main Portsmouth road.

Travellers by train went north and south-west, and an astonishing report issued by the L.M.S. Railway said that the bookings so far this Easter constituted a record.

According to observations made on the roads, there were more cyclists out than any Easter in recent years.

Over 10,000 Easter weddings were celebrated yesterday, thus establishing a record for honeymoons.—Reuter.

Record Holiday Traffic

London, Mar. 24.

Despite the war, there has been a tremendous holiday rush in traffic on the railways, which substantially exceeded that of last Easter and doubled the volume of Easter, 1938.

There has also been a surprisingly large amount of motor traffic on the roads, though owing to the petrol rations, the number of cars which were out, was less than in recent years.—Reuter.

Lasting Peace for Europe Wanted

Co-operative Party Votes on Resolution; I.L.P. Leader's Views

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 24.

At a conference of the Co-operative Party here yesterday, a resolution was carried by 3,935,000 votes to 1,169,000, approving the Party's peace policy.

A statement of the policy pointed out that it was in he hope of securing a lasting peace, that the Cooperative movement was supporting the war.—Reuter.

Railwaymen Oppose War

London, Mar. 24.

An immediate ending of the war with Germany was demanded in a resolution approved by the Essex district of the Council of the National Union of Railwaymen yesterday.

The resolution stated that the Council "strongly condemns this war as imperialist and contrary to the interests of all workers. We demand the immediate cessation of hostilities and a conference of all nations to determine and settle economic requirements of nations by a fair distribution of raw materials.

"We demand a plebiscite of minorities to determine their independence or attachment to the country in which they live and that all assistance to the White Guards and Fascist rulers of Finland shall stop.

"We demand the ending of the political truce and we instruct our leaders to get on with the struggle for Socialism, which alone can bring lasting peace and prosperity to the world, and to fight for the freedom of all colonial peoples."

I.L.P. Opposes Armistice

Meanwhile, at Nottingham, Mr. C.A. Smith, President of the National Council of the Independent Labour Party, in an address to the Council yesterday, called the European war "another episode in the bloody game of power politics."

The National Council of the party rejected the proposal for an immediate armistice and the summoning of an international conference. The Council, however, approved the National Committee's peace policy, which asked for co-operation with neutrals for negotiations with Germany whenever Germany is prepared to restore independence to Austria, Poland, and Czechoslovakia and guarantee she will not use force while a new League of Nations or Federation of Nations is being built.

In his address, Mr. Smith said, "I oppose Chamberlain (the Prime Minister) both in peace and in war. While we energetically demand an immediate stoppage of the war, we refuse to support the conditions for peace the Council of Railwaymen presented in their resolution."

Mr. Smith strongly condemned the war as imperialist and demanded an immediate cesssation of hostilities.—United Press.

Reason for Search of Conte di Savoia

Passengers Travelling with False Passports

London, Mar. 24.

Reuter has been officially informed that the Italian liner, Conte di Savoia (48,502 tons), was searched because British authorities had received reports that certain passengers might be travelling on the vessel with false passports.

The liner was reported to have been held up for thirteen hours yesterday at Gibraltar, and thoroughly searched in an attempt to find Dr. Hjalmar, Schacht, the German financial expert, who was rumoured to have been on board.—Reuter.

Nazi Ambitions in Balkans Revealed

Paris Reveals Plan to Subordinate Economic Life to German Needs

Berne, Mar. 23.

Herr Hitler's far-reaching scheme to give the Balkan nations tripartite German-Soviet-Italian guarantees of security whether they want such pledges or not is meeting with considerable difficulties, reports from Central Europe showed today.

Countries approached by the Reich or which otherwise learned of the plot have shown no enthusiasm at all and are, on the other hand, most sceptical, Budapest reported.

In Belgrade, the "Basler Nachrichten" pointed out, political quarters are puzzling over the problem of how Yugoslavia could possibly accept a Soviet guarantee when she has not even recognized the existence of the Soviet State.

Particularly strong Italian pressure would be required to persuade Belgrade to change its attitude, the newspaper said.

Balkan quarters in general declared the plan would not and could not be put into effect as first reports indicated after the Hitler-Mussolini meeting at the Brenner Pass. Perhaps, they even stated, the whole plan is a manœuvre to compel Russia to adopt a more reserved policy in the Balkans, where Germany fears Soviet expansion.—Havas.

Paris Press Revelations

Paris, Mar. 23.

Germany today is engaged in pushing a vast project for the economic reorganization of the whole of south-eastern Europe; she aims to have the south-eastern neutrals so change their economic structures as to become complementary only to the Reich's, the Paris press revealed today in despatches from various Balkan capitals.

Herr Hitler was reported to have asked the south-eastern states outright to disarm partially, reduce industrial output and intensify agricultural production in order to offer more advantages to the Reich. Germany is highly industrialized herself, but needs food to offset the Allied blockade. Herr Hitler, some Balkan despatches even stated, has gone so far as to have drawn up detailed plans of production for each of the States included in his large-scale plot.

The countries approached have shown no desire to reorganize their whole economic structure for his benefit. The various capitals seem to be awaiting the Allied reaction and Italy's reception of the Nazi plan.

The Paris press today pointed out that the three dictatorships seem to be still scuffling among themselves for stronger positions individually in the Balkans. Italian emissaries have been working overtime in Yugoslavia for many months already, seeking to influence Yugoslav opinion in favour of Italian interests. Ever since German annexation of Austria two years ago, Italy has kept alive the bogey of German expansion. The visit being paid Rome today by the Hungarian Premier, Count Paul Teleki, newspapers continued, is to find out exactly how much assistance Budapest may expect from Rome.

Political circles here, noting Italy's determination to keep the war out of that part of Europe, wonder whether she is prepared to allow Soviet penetration in that region. That is the question, they say, which Count Teleki has asked Rome.—Havas.

Synthetic Vitamins for German Children

Measures Taken Against Scurvy Through Schools

Berne, Mar. 24.

Synthetic vitamins are being distributed in primary schools in the Reich through the German Public Health Ministry, it is learned here.

The main vitamin thus distributed is Vitamin C, which protects the body against scurvy, a disease caused by lack of food in general and fruits in particular.

It has been found necessary to resort to the distribution of these "ersatz" vitamins owing to some nefarious chemicals having had perforce to be included in certain foodstuffs.

Clear symptoms of scurvy were thus found upon prisoners in a Berlin penitentiary, and it was found that these men were being given food cooked by fat extracted from coal.—Havas.

Hungarian Premier on Holiday in Italy

Rome, Mar. 23.

Count Paul Teleki, the Hungarian Prime Minister, arrived here today. He was greeted at the station by Count Galeazzo Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister. An official announcement had previously described Count Teleki's trip as a "holiday" with two days in Rome and though the visit would be private, he would meet Signor Mussolini.—Reuter.

Moscow Denies Molotov Visiting Reich

London, Mar. 24.

"All reports of M. Viacheslav Molotov going to Berlin, or any other German city, are pure invention," stated an official statement broadcast over the Moscow radio yesterday. Soviet and German circles here disavow all knowledge of the report that the Commissar for Foreign Affairs was going to Berlin yesterday.—Reuter.

20 Killed in Mexican Sugar Riots

Mexico City, Mar. 24.

The newspaper "Prensa" reported on Saturday from Vera Cruz that twenty persons were killed and several wounded in a clash between rival groups of sugar factory workers in the town of Cuatolpan. The clash occurred during the funeral of a worker who was killed in an earlier affray, it was reported.—United Press.

I.R.A. Convicts in Dartmoor Burn Block of Prison

Control Quickly Regained; Uprising Tried by Irish Extremists Isolated from Other Inmates

London, Mar. 24.

A MINOR uprising occurred in Dartmoor Gaol yesterday, when members of the Irish Republican Army seized and gagged a warder, and then set fire to a block of the prison. Before they could do much damage, however, the demonstrators were overcome by prison officers, and handcuffed and returned to their cells. The fire proved more troublesome, and took the prison fire brigade about two hours to subdue. When the fire had been extinguished, a gaping hole could be seen in the roof of the block in which the fire had occurred.

As the fire brigade fought the flames, police surrounded the walls of the gaol. Extra police were drafted from a nearby town immediately the disturbance began, and they are expected to remain over the week-end.

Dartmoor holds extremist prisoners of the I.R.A., who are kept in a special block by themselves. It is thought that the trouble-makers took advantage of the fact that the prison staff on Saturday afternoon was smaller than usual. Immediately the trouble broke out all warders were recalled to duty.

The disturbance is stated to have begun when men, who had been segregated because of feeling against them among the other prisoners, were being exercised with one warder at tea time. They attacked the warder, bound and gagged him, and pushed him through the door of a cell which locked automatically.

Bedding Set on Fire

The prisoners then locked the door of the main hall and set fire to bedding.

Pandemonium broke out. Convicts in a neighbouring block began to shout and to wave articles of clothing through the bars of their cells. The noise and smoke brought nearby cottage dwellers to their doors, thinking that another mutiny had broken out.

Prison officials, however, soon regained control.

At one period, it appeared that a mutiny on a large scale had been planned, but every precaution was taken to nip any outbreak in the bud.

When the fire had died down, and the shooting had ceased, from the outside everything appeared normal.

According to an announcement by the Home Office, the trouble was caused by a few I.R.A. prisoners, who barricaded themselves in a part of the prison and set fire to a quantity of material. The damage was slight, the announcement added and the position was controlled by the prison staff.—Reuter.

French War Cabinet Holds First Meeting

General Gamelin Attends Conference

Paris, Mar. 23.

The Reynaud War Cabinet held its first meeting today with General Marie Gustave Gamelin, Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Armies, attending. The conference was held at the Foreign Ministry, lasted from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and was attended by the Premier, M. Paul Reynaud, who is concurrently Foreign Minister; the Vice-Premier, M. Camille Chautemps; the War Minister, M. Edouard Daladier, premier in the last Cabinet; the Navy Minister, M. Cesar Campinchi; the Air Minister, M. Laurent Eynac; the Armaments Minister, M. Raoul Dautry; the Finance Minister, M. Lucien Lamoureux; the Blockade Minister, M. Georges Monnet and the Colonies Minister, M. Georges Mandel.

Just before the War Cabinet meeting, War Minister, M. Daladier, held a lengthy meeting with General Gamelin. M. Reynaud later received the British Ambassador, Sir Ronald Campbell.—Havas.

Two German Frontier Guards Killed

Prague, Mar. 24.

Two German frontier guards were killed near Birken by shots fired from the Austrian frontier Friday night and a Gestapo (the Nazi secret service) agent was attacked on Wednesday in the Bohemian forests, it was officially announced here last night.

The announcement said the attacker of the Gestapo agent was known, but had not been caught. A proclamation stating that the people's national duty was to assist the police in capturing the attacker was broadcast by radio yesterday.—United Press.

Russians Take Over Husk of Hango City and Island from Finns

German Opposition to Scandinavian Defensive Alliance Puzzles Finnish Press in Helsinki

Helsinki, Mar. 24.

Hango is now a sealed city. At midnight, the Russians formally took it over from a group of Finnish officials, in accordance with the terms of the peace treaty, and all communication with the rest of Finland was severed.

When a group of planes bringing a Soviet "advance guard" landed last night, the city's entire population had been evacuated. All territorial conditions of the treaty have now been fulfilled, except the Soviet withdrawal from Petsamo, which is scheduled for April 10.—Reuter.

Finland Not Isolated

Helsinki, Mar. 23.

"Finland will not allow herself to be isolated," the Swedish People's party organ "Svenska Pressen" said in an editorial today on the scheme for a Scandinavian defensive alliance.

"Finland is not a Baltic but a Nordic country and has defended the liberty of the Nordic countries," the newspaper pointed out.

Finnish quarters did not quite understand Berlin's stand by Moscow in opposition to the Scandinavian alliance. Any weakening of Finland's position, they asserted, would be prejudicial to Germany.—Havas.

Alliance Project Fading

London, Mar. 23.

With Stockholm anxious over Soviet and German hostility, it is doubtful now that the project for a Scandinavian defensive alliance will go through, British observers declared tonight.

Moscow and Berlin were disposed to favour such a project when they thought it might be turned against the Allies, closing all means of access to Scandinavia for the Allies and permitting expansion of German-Swedish trade. When Soviet and German statesmen learned the alliance was to be a purely Scandinavian defence instrument, they changed their attitude, for such a pact would be contrary to their interests. Sweden and Norway will probably prefer to abstain from formal commitments but will adopt a "more pronounced" policy toward the belligerents, British observers stated.—Havas.

Russians Settle in Viipuri

London, Mar. 24.

The first group of 600 Russian settlers has arrived at Viipuri, surrendered Finnish city, the Moscow Radio announced today. Up to this time the only visitors have been political and industrial commissions as well as 2,000 builders from Leningrad, it was disclosed.

Soviet policemen are already guarding the streets of the city, while debris is still being cleared from the main thoroughfares by soldiers. Many buildings are habitable it was reported. A temporary mayor has been appointed to Russian Viipuri and Red troops have settled in barracks, apparently for a long stay, the Russian radio revealed.—United Press.

New Regime Seeks Recognition

Japanese Action Taken for Granted But Attitude of Britain Problematical

Tokyo, Mar. 24.

Vernacular newspapers today speculated editorially on the probable attitude that will be taken by various world Powers towards the reorganized National Government of China at Nanking following its inauguration on March 30.

Taking for granted that Japan will accord the new administration prompt recognition, the independent "Miyako Shimbun" described the British stand as problematical.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, the newspaper stated, had recently replied to a question in the House of Commons that there was no change to the British Government's policy to continue to give recognition only to the Chungking regime. The daily, however, recalled that the British Government once had given virtual recognition to the regime of the late Marshal Chang Tso-lin and to the Canton Government, neither of which was a central administration, but with which London maintained contact approving them as competent local authorities.

Japan's immediate recognition of the new Government was more important than that of other Powers, the "Kokumin Shimbun, nationalist daily stated. The newspaper expressed itself dissatisfied with the reply given by Mr. Hachiro Arita, Foreign Minister, to an interpellation in the Diet yesterday, during which he said that Italy probably would be the first Power to give the Nanking Government recognition. The next nation, Mr. Arita said, was likely to be Germany, but it was difficult to expect a ready recognition of the new administration by Britain and the United States.—Domei.

"Hollowest of Mockeries"

Washington, Mar. 24.

Tokyo's statement that the establishment of the new Chinese Government at Nanking would mean the restoration of China to the Chinese was described by the "Washington Evening Star" yesterday as "the hollowest of mockeries."

The newspaper stated in an editorial that the Japanese step in forming the new government "is a subterfuge which will deceive neither the unconquered factions of China nor the outside world.

"Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek still commands formidable forces capable of sustaining guerilla warfare," the newspaper said. "Japan's internal economic difficulties become increasingly difficult and her foreign relations with Britain, America and Russia are strained to the breaking point.

"Among these three factors the possibility persists that before she plunges finally into the abyss of national bankruptcy and utter international discredit, Japan may seek an end to her undeclared war under conditions more or less tolerable to a nation which has so tenaciously resisted the invaders for nearly three years."—United Press.

Recapture of Lingshan Claimed

Chinese Report Troops Back Again in City

Chungking, Mar. 24.

Chinese forces recaptured Lingshan at dawn on March 22 following a counter-offensive launched the previous night, according to Chinese field dispatches received here from the South Kwangsi front.

The Chinese reports claimed that rear communication lines of the Japanese forces were cut by strong Chinese units. Japanese forces which advanced eastward on March 13 from the highway south of Nanning were "now facing annihilation," the dispatches claimed. Japanese casualties in the past few weeks of fighting were estimated at 5,000.

Other Chinese dispatches from western Suiyuan reported that Chinese forces were assaulting Wuyuan, where hand-to-hand fighting was being waged in the suburbs. After entering the new city of Wuyuan in the night of March 20, another Chinese detachment fought its way into the old city of Wuyuan the following noon, engaging the Japanese in street fighting, the dispatches claimed.—Reuter.

Last Nine Turkish Ships Recalled

Ankara, Mar. 24.

The last nine Turkish ships remaining in foreign waters have been recalled, a Government spokesman announced yesterday. Permission must henceforth be obtained from the Government for ships to ply foreign waters.—United Press.

New Zealand Premier Seriously Ill

Wellington, N.Z., Mar. 24.

Mr. M. J. Savage, Prime Minister of New Zealand, is critically ill. According to a bulletin today, his condition is causing the gravest anxiety.—Reuter.

Japan Advise to Purchase Maritime Province

Tokyo Carefully Studying Proposal; Government Criticized on Relations With U.S.

Tokyo, Mar. 24.

CAREFUL study will be given by the Japanese Government to a suggestion that the Maritime Province of Eastern Siberia be purchased by Japan from the Soviet Union, Mr. Hachiro Arita, Foreign Minister, told the Lower House of the Diet yesterday. The suggestion was made by Mr. Juji Kasai, independent, as a means to avoid Soviet-Japanese friction.

Mr. Kasai, in a strong interpelation on the conduct of Japan's diplomacy, asked the Government if it had any confidence in negotiations with Soviet Russia, which he described as "a country that cannot be trusted."

Mr. Arita, in reply, stated that the Government desired to readjust relations with the Soviet Union by settling as many as possible pending questions outwen the two countries although negotiations had failed, so far, to bring to an amicable conclusion any one of the pending questions.

The question of purchasing Soviet territory as insurance against war could only be taken up with Moscow after all pending questions had been settled, he declared.

Mr. Kasai, in his interpellation denounced the Foreign Office for "an uninterrupted series of failures" in conducting negotiations with the United States since the hostilities broke out in China. The situation between the two countries, he claimed, was becoming "the worst conceivable."

U. S. Does Not Understand

The Foreign Minister admitted that the situation between Japan and the United States was "anything but satisfactory" but added that he refused "to believe that it permits no improvement." He said further efforts would be made to ameliorate the situation. The United States, he continued, appeared to be not in a position to understand Japan's action in China and to appreciate "sympathetically" the Japanese way of thinking because of Sino-American relations and the traditional American way of thinking.

Mr. Arita expressed the hope that better understanding could be brought about by a reduction in the scale of Japanese military operations in China.

Admiral Mitsumasa Yonai, the Premier, also assured the Lower House that he intended to redouble his Government's efforts to seek American understanding of Japan's true intentions, which, he said, were "far from aiming at ousting American interests in China."

Referring to the question put by Mr. Kasai regarding American naval expansion, the Prime Minister declared, that "there is no occasion to worry" over Japan's sea defences.

No Likelihood of Embargo

The Premier said he did not believe that the United States would enforce a "total" embargo on exports to Japan. He added that he wished to refrain from commenting on the "crisis" mentioned by the interpellator, which, Admiral Yonai stated, was based on an assumption. Japan's imports would, however, be diversified instead of depending on one country for her supply of raw materials.

The Japanese Navy, while concerned with American naval expansion, did not feel "a sense of insecurity" as a result, Vice-Admiral Zengo Yoshida stated, in taking the tribune after Admiral Yonai. The Navy, however, was making full preparations to meet every possible contingency, he added.—Domei.

Muslims in India Want Safeguards

Government Federation Plan Condemned; State Autonomy for Minorities

Lahore, Mar. 24.

Delegates from forty Indian states were present at the inaugural meeting of the All-India States Muslim League, which has been formed to embrace the subjects of the states. The latter are not included in the activities of the All-India Muslim League itself.

The meeting adopted a constitution similar to that of the All-India Muslim League and decided to apply for affiliation with this body. The meeting passed a resolution urging that Muslims should be consulted before the inauguration of constitutional reforms in states.

The Subjects' Committee of the Muslim League yesterday adopted a resolution, for consideration at the Muslim League annual session, reiterating the view that federation as envisaged in the last Government of India Act, was totally unsuited for India, and unworkable.

The resolution adds that no constitution would be acceptable to Muslims unless it was designed on the basic principle that provinces which Muslims are in the majority should be grouped into independent states, with effective mandatory safeguards for minorities.

The resolution authorizes the Working Committee to frame a scheme of constitution in accordance with those principles, also providing that the proposed respective regions should have all powers, such as defence, external affairs, communications, customs, etc.—Reuter.

Butter Rations in Britain Doubled

London, Mar, 24.

British authorities today decided to increase butter rations for Britons beginning on Monday. Half a pound of butter will be rationed daily to each Briton instead of the previous quarter-pound allotments, but dairymen said they did not expect the new rations would be any advantage "since consumers have acquired a taste for cheaper margarine."—United Press.

Autonomous States in India Advocated

Muslim Leader Opposes Ending British Regime

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Lahore, Mar. 23.

Division of India into "autonomous national states" was advocated by Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the All-India Muslim League, in an address at the opening of the 27th annual session of the league here yesterday.

This would contribute to a friendly settlement of the minorities question "by reciprocal arrangements and adjustments between Muslim India and Hindu India," he claimed.

"India cannot accept any constitution necessarily resulting in a Hindu majority in the Government," he said. "We had ample experience of the working of provincial constitutions. Any repetition of such a Government must lead to civil war and the raising of private armies."

Declaring that termination of the British regime would lead to chaos, Mr. Jinnah invited Mr. Gandhi to meet him to discuss the issue.

When the session opened 100,000 people were packed within the convention enclosure while hundreds outside listened to loud speakers relaying the addresses.—Reuter.

Norway Sends Further Protests to Reich

(Continued from page 7)

Brussels, Mar. 23.

Official German reports that Allied planes violated Belgian neutrality last night were denied categorically today by the Belgian National Defence Ministry.

"It is correct to say that a foreign aircraft flew over part of our territory at 7 a.m.," the Belgian communique stated, "but the nationality of the plane could be determined by only one of our observation posts, and this one declared the craft to be German. Taking into account the difficulty of identifying an aeroplane in night light, the Belgian authorities, which pronounce themselves only on sure signs of identity, registered the plane as of 'undetermined nationality,'" the Ministry communique concluded.—Havas.

OBITUARY

Dr. David Margoliouth

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 23.

Dr. David Samuel Margoliouth, the unrivalled authority on Arabic literature, died today at 81 years of age. Educated at Winchester, and New College, Oxford, he was Laudian Professor of Arabic in the University of Oxford for 48 years. He was President of the Royal Asiatic Society between 1934 and 1937.—Reuter.

British West Indies Sale Advocated

Former U.S. Senator on War Debt Payment

Washington, Mar. 24.

Former Senator William Gibbs McAdoo yesterday declared that he has advocated the acquisition of Bermuda and the British West Indies as part payment of the British war debt to the United States, but said the subject should not be urged at present.

Senator McAdoo sent a letter to the "Make Europe Pay her War Debts Committee" yesterday stating his views on the subject.—United Press.

Hongkong Expells 30 Chinese Newsmen

Hongkong, Mar. 24.

Thirty staff members of the Chinese newspaper "Sing Pao," an organ controlled by Mr. David Kung, son of the Chungking Minister of Finance, left the Colony at the request of the local British authorities on March 13, Domei learned today.

Their expulsion was ordered by the Colony Government on charges of having engaged in unauthorized radio communication with Chungking. Originally to be deported, the 30 men were allowed to leave Hongkong quietly as a result of negotiations.—Domei.

Herr Hitler to Deliver Important Speech

Amsterdam, Mar. 24.

According to the "Allgemeen Handelsblad," Herr Hitler is to deliver an important address shortly, the text of which has already been drafted. The Fuehrer is at present spending his Easter holidays at his Berchtesgaden estate.—Havas.

Unidentified Planes Fly Over Holland

Amsterdam, Mar. 24.

Several unidentified planes flew over Dutch territory between 11 p.m. and midnight last night. The machines were heard over the island of Urk, the Arnhem region, and in North Holland. They were heard flying from east to west and vice versa.—Havas.

Miles Mander, who has created many historical personages for the movies, will shortly bring Sir Arthur Sullivan of the Gilbert and Sullivan combination to the screen.

King Carol Will Defend His Country

King Carol of Rumania will defend his country against any attack according to his recent speech which followed reports that Germany had presented a strong note regarding Rumania's foreign trade policy.

World Production Of Coal in 1938

Fall of 100,000,000 Tons More Than Nine-tenths of Decrease Was in the U.S.A.

In 1938, the Secretary for Mines in England states in his annual report, the world output of coal decreased by about 100,000,000 tons in comparison with the preceding year, and was approximately 555,000,000 tons. More than nine-tenths of the decrease was in the U.S.A. In Great Britain the year's output of 227,000,000 tons showed a decline of 13,300,000 tons. In the U.S.S.R. output increased by over 10,000,000 tons and there were also increases in Germany, France, the Netherlands, and Poland, states "The Times" of February 2.

The improvement in the international coal export trade in 1937 was not maintained in 1938. Practically all the important exporting countries shared in the decrease, but the greatest decrease was in German exports, which were 8,800,000 tons fewer. In Great Britain the decrease was 5,600,000 tons. The 175,000,000 tons available for consumption in this country were 6,600,000 tons fewer than in 1937, and the iron and steel industry was mainly responsible for this decline.

Prices

The marked upward tendency in prices continued in Britain, the average net selling price at the pit-head being 16s. 7½d., which compares with 15s. 2¼d. in 1937 and 14s. 0¾d. in 1936. Mechanical mining is still increasing in Britain. The total saleable output handled by conveyors increased from 51 per cent. to 54 per cent. in 1938, and was 4½ times as much as in 1928.

There was a slight reduction in the number of coal-cutting machines in use, the decrease being confined to compressed air-driven machines. For the first year since 1925 (ignoring 1926, the year of a prolonged stoppage) there was a decrease compared with the preceding year in the quantity of coal cut by machinery. A rapid advance in the use of pneumatic picks is reported, and in 1938 the number in use for coal-getting increased from 7,621 to 8,935, and for ripping from 3,824 to 4,202.

Motor Spirit Production

During the year 105,000,000 gallons of refined motor spirit were produced, mainly from coal, an increase on the preceding year of 5,000,000 gallons. The total production of light oils was 119,000,000 gallons. By high temperature carbonization 31,600,000 gallons were produced at coke-ovens and 10,500,000 at gas works, and by hydrogenation 42,300,000 gallons. The production of creosote and other heavy oils from coal and shale was 122,000,000 gallons.

Mining and Quarrying

In the metal mining and quarrying industries the 1938 values of output were: iron-ore and ironstone, £3,395,000; non-ferrous ores, £834,000; minerals (not metalliferous ores) used mainly in iron and steel making, £1,753,000; minerals used mainly for china, pottery, and glass manufacture, £1,121,000; minerals used mainly for building, road-making, lime, cement, concrete, etc., £16,445,000; other minearls, £2,609,000.

Turkey Indignant at New Nazi Moves

Demands on Rumania Rouses Opposition

Ankara, Mar. 24.

Germany's latest demands from Rumania have caused much indignation in Ankara.

Deputy Rifki Atay, writing in the influential organ "Ulus," stated that even if the German demands are not quite an ultimatum, as is suggested in Rumania, they recall the statement made before the war by Field-Marshal Hermann Goering, who said: "Those who refuse to give our army what it needs will see our army come and get it."

The Deputy added that Germany, with her shipping swept off the seas by the Allied blockade, is turning towards smaller states with the intention of forcing them to deliver her the goods she needs. In conclusion, he stressed that one can live in Europe only if far from Germany and if the German threat is counteracted by the direct and active intervention of the Allies.—Havas.

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Belgium May Sell Coal to Italy

Supplies from Germany May Evade Contraband Accords with Britain

London, Mar. 24.

British authorities yesterday expressed concern over press reports from Brussels that Italy is planning to import 2,000,000 tons of Belgian coal annually, it was understood here last night. Belgium, the reports said, will import coal from Germany because her industries are unable to spare that amount.

The Italian steamer Confidencia was reported to be loading nine thousand tons of coal at Antwerp yesterday.

If true, it was asserted, British authorities would regard such an evasion of the allied control over German exports as a very serious matter, and could be expected to seek new machinery to deal with the situation if none is available at the present time.

The specific terms of the Italo-British agreement, under which Britain early this month released several Italian ships carrying German coal from Holland, contained the assurance that Italy would not attempt to load any more coal from Germany. Since the list of neutral ports in the North Sea has never been published, it was not clear whether the agreement specifically covered such an arrangement as reported from Brussels.

To block such shipments from Belgium, Britain could presumably invoke the letter or spirit of the arrangement with Italy, and might also seek to persuade Belgium to desist on the grounds that the British could hardly be expected to consider this practice neutral. Britain and Belgium signed an agreement in February concerning Belgium's exports to Germany, but it was not known whether this also covered exports from Belgium of products which previously had been imported from Germany.—United Press.

Holy See Doubtful Of Early Peace

Vatican Authorities Fear War Will Be Long

Vatican City, Mar. 24.

The Holy See sent letters to all apostolic nunciatures and delegations abroad yesterday asserting that the Holy See has taken a pessimistic view on peace at present and believes the war will be long, it was reliably learned here last night.

The letters stated that the Holy See, however, does not believe that the European war is about to enter into a decisive phase, it was said. The Holy See stated that it believes the belligerents will increase pressure on neutrals in an attempt to make them enter the conflict, reliable sources said.—United Press.

Swedish Aid Societies To Help Finns

Crown Prince Asserts War Ravages to Be Repaired

Stockholm, Mar. 23.

"We will aid Finland as much as we can," Crown Prince Gustaf of Sweden declared in a radio broadcast today when he announced the creation by the King of a National Committee to co-ordinate the work of Swedish groups aiding Finland.

He emphasized the Swedish people's sympathies with the Finns during their struggle against Soviet Russia.

"With peace now attained," he added, "it is our great task to help Finland, who already energetically and patiently undertakes the work of reconstruction. There is now the question of finding new homes for those who have lost their old homes."

The Crown Prince also revealed that he was appointed chairman of the National Committee of relief for Finland.—Havas.

Pope Denounces All Treaty Violations

Yearning for Conquest Severely Condemned

Vatican City, Mar. 24.

The violation of rights and treaties and the yearning for conquest were severely condemned by His Holiness Pope Pius XII in a speech delivered at St. Peter's Cathedral today, Easter Sunday.

"You all know in what times we are living now," His Holiness said. "Harmony between peoples has been sadly broken. Treaties solemnly adhered to are modified or violated unilaterally without previous agreement. All that could be used for the prosperity and progress of peoples is at present being deflected from its course. Open towns and villages are being terrorized, set on fire, and devastated by bombings, defenceless citizens, innocent children, the ill, the aged, all are deprived of their homes if not killed."

The Pope concluded with a prayer to Christ to grant peace, harmony, and unity to kings, princes, and peoples.—Havas.

Six Injured When House Collapses

Two children, three women and one man were injured shortly after 1.30 p.m. yesterday when a Chinese dwelling house at 14, Rue Laguerre collapsed as a result of the rain during the previous night.

French Concession fire brigade units rushed to the scene and the injured persons were conveyed to the St. Marie hospital, Route Pere Robert, in emergency ambulances. Firemen remained on the scene for about 20 minutes, clearing the debris.

Enquiries made at the St. Marie Hospital last night revealed that two of the injured women are in a serious condition.

Is Your Leave Overdue ?

Present circumstances may compel a postponement of home leave and should this happen to you the state of your health should be your first concern, for with good health you can carry on long after you are due for a change of climate.

The first essential of good health is good blood, for all the nerves and tissues of the body derive their nourishment from the blood. Unfortunately, the eastern climate makes considerable demands upon the blood stream, and it is therefore advisable periodically to rehabilitate the blood by means of a tonic, of which there is none to surpass Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, devised by an eminent British physician.

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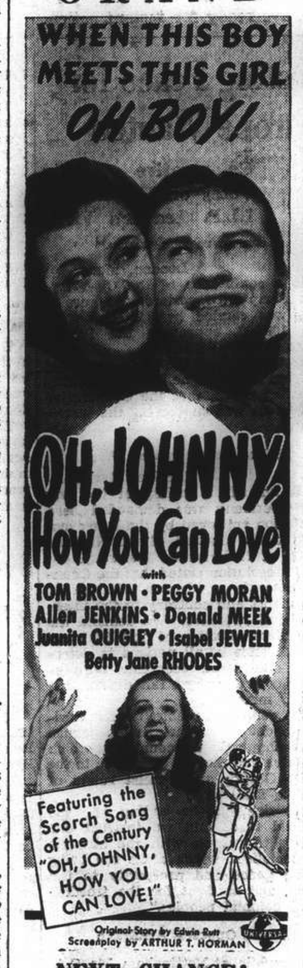

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FROM DAY TO DAY

A JOINT Franco-British postal stamp, it was hoped, would be issued soon, declared the Assistant Postmaster General, Captain Charles Waterhouse, in the House of Commons.

THE usual Monday evening Bible Society Broadcast over the Christian Broadcasting Station XMHD will be given today at 8.30 p.m. Speaker; Dr. Carleton Lacy, subject; "Europe Discovers the Bible."

ENEMY aliens now interned in the United Kingdom, including those removed from ships, totalled 1,170, declared the Home Secretary, Sir John Anderson, in the House of Commons. Latest figures also showed, he said, that some 74,000 German and Austrian refugees were registered with the police.

MISS Mannerheim, the daughter of Marshal Mannerheim, the splendid leader of the Finnish Army, is residing at Harrow-on-the-Hill, where she has been some time. Her aunt, the marshal's sister, Countess Sophie Mannerheim, was trained as a nurse at St. Thomas's Hospital.

No one will mind less than Mr. W. S. Morrison living within his food ration. As far as cutting out the frills of life is concerned, he has the mentality of the old-time covenanter. Forty-five years old, with a firm mouth and eyes which may see visions at times, he speaks Gaelic, plays the bagpipes, and hates the idea of Sunday cinemas.

A number of burglars forced their way into the premises of the Public Pharmacy, 664 Avenue Joffre, between 2 and 4 a.m. yesterday, broke open the cash register containing approximately $200, and also stole a large quantity of pharmaceutical supplies, the value of which has not yet been fully ascertained. The French Concession police is investigating the case.

MORE than 300,000 women are expected to qualify immediately for old age pensions when the Old Age and Windows' Pensions Act, which was given Royal Assent yesterday, goes into effect on August 1 in Britain. Pensions become payable to women at the age of 60 instead of 65. The immediate effect of the Act will be almost to double the number of women at present drawing contributory old-age pensions.

LORD Riverdale, who is largely responsible for laying the foundations for our Air Force expansion overseas, has for many years been the leading figure in the steel industry. He was Master Cutler as long ago as 1911, and since then has made his own firm of Arthur Balfour and Co. one of the most up to date in the world. He has served on no fewer than 24 Government committees, and describes himself as "a Freemason, a Churchman, and a Conservative."

NOT many folk may remember that the humble donkey once had a festival all to itself. January 14 used to be known as the Feast of the Ass, commemorative, it is believed, of the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt. A donkey, gaily decorated, ridden by a girl carrying a doll, was led through the streets in procession, and then given a place of honour in church during a special service. During all the proceedings of the day the animal was treated with the utmost deference, and addressed as Lord Ass.

THE new R.A.F. chief in France, Air Marshal Barratt, is younger than most officers of his rank—he was 49 in February. He has, however, packed a great deal of useful service into the 25 years since he was seconded to the Royal Flying Corps at the start of the last war. He won the M.C. in France, and later held high appointments in India—where, by the way, he was born—and at the Andover Staff College. He became chief of the college in 1936, and six months ago returned to India as head of the Air Forces there.

ALTHOUGH he usually works far into the night, the war seems to have had a stimulating effect on Mr. Churchill. He has always responded quickly to a demand for action, and his friends are saying that he now seems ten years younger than he did four or five months ago. When the war is over there will be some good stories to tell of the effects of his electrifying vigour in various quarters of the Senior Service. He is an exacting chief, generous in praise where it is deserved, but swift to punish what he considers to be any relaxation of vigilance.

THOUGH many may sigh in vain for a return of the Penny Post, instituted by Sir Rowland Hill a century ago this week, they may be thankful present-day facilities are vastly in advance of those before the great innovation. Prior to 1840, letters were paid for on delivery, and charged by weight and distance, even a light packet from London to Edinburgh costing 1s. 1½d. Hill was dismissed from office two years after the inauguration of his great reform, but was presented with £13,000 raised by public subscription. Later he was restored to office, and on retirement was awarded £20,000 and a pension of £2,000 a year.

SIR William Seeds, the British Ambassador to Soviet Russia, now home for an extended leave, has had great political and economic experience in three continents. An Irishman, well under 60, tall, handsome, expert linguist—Russian, Spanish, Italian, Greek, and Portuguese—he understands the great significance of the changing moods of Berlin and Moscow. Works hard for peace, loves birds and flowers and gardening, has great tact and patience, attributes much needed in Moscow to gain diplomatic favour. Curiously enough, despite his achievements, was on the "unemployed list" for three years before going to Moscow.

NINETY-THREE years old on January 14, Prebendary Charlile, founder of the Church Army 57 years ago, has numbered among his friends the highest and lowest in the land. He once greatly amused Edward VII. by telling him of the exploits of a pickpocket called Charlie, who said his "best day" had been the postponed Coronation. It had enabled him to "lift" 29 purses and watches. "Poor devil," said King Edward, "it was worth having it for him then." Once Prebendary Carlile introduced the Duke of Windsor to an "old lag," and, placing a hand on the shoulders of each, said "God bless both of these sinners." The Prince—as he then was—rejoined: "Well, I for one can say amen to that."

Easter Days in Shanghai

Churches Well Filled With Worshippers; A "Stay at Home" Holiday

Less fortunate than their compatriots at home, members of Shanghai's cosmopolitan community have little opportunity to dash away from the big, smoky city for a few, fleeting moments when holidays such as Easter roll around. It is unfortunate, but true; Shanghailanders, on occasions such as these must perforce become "stay at homes." And so, like all the short holidays which have followed the hostilities in 1937, Easter 1940 was celebrated, practically by one and all, in Shanghai.

Tomorrow it will be back to work after a four day absence from the office for most of the community. Even that is worth something though the holiday must be spent amid the clangour and gloom of a huge city such as this. In Shanghai, however, there is always something to do and somewhere to go, and so there is little tediousness abroad as the free days speed by.

Churches Filled

Perhaps the most crowded edifices during the present holiday have been the city's churches. Easter is a religious festival and there are truly beautiful services to welcome its advent. All last week there were large congregations at the daily services which were held in Holy Trinity Cathedral and other churches until Thursday. On Good Friday the special three hours' service saw the Cathedral well packed with worshippers. It was the same at the special service for Chinese, which followed, and in the evening when a Passion Music service was held. Other churches in the town, especially the Catholic churches, were well attended during the festival. The religious side of the holiday was faithfully observed.

Places of amusement, too, did a fairly good business during the first three days of the holiday, although receipts were not in the neighbourhood of those which were taken during the Chinese New Year festival. Cinemas, of course, attracted the most patrons, with the night spots a good second. There were others, who preferred to spend the days in the open air, and the parks and the Recreation Ground, where there was much sporting activity, had their full share of visitors.

The Weather

The weather started off well. Good Friday, although a fresh wind kept the temperature down, was clear and sunny. On Saturday it was not so good. The sky was overcast and rain threatened to fall during most of the day. It did so late at night and it continued to fall all day yesterday—the worst day of the holiday.

Today and tomorrow there will be services in Holy Trinity Cathedral starting with Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m., which will be followed by Intercessional Prayers at 12.10 p.m. Catholic observances of Easter finished at noon on Saturday. Despite this there were extra large congregations at all Catholic Churches yesterday, a record number of people attending the 11 a.m. High Easter Mass at the Church of Christ the King in Rue Bourgeat, where the aisles were packed with worshippers. For the sports lovers today there will be racing, football and other activities, the match of the day being the meeting between Lido and Club Lusitano in the final of the Skottowe Cup.

Fourth Marines Church

The Fourth Marines Church again scored in record breaking attendance for Divine Worship in the Easter Services held at the Grand Theatre yesterday morning. Miss Irmgard Menzel, one of Europe's leading opera stars, featured in the concert following the morning services. Her first number, "Cavalleria Rusticana-Air of Santuzza" by Leoncavallo, followed by "Tosca-Tosca's Prayer" by Puccini and "La-Serenata" by Tosti was one of the finest musical rendition ever to be received by the large audience that attended. Miss Menzel sang as her last number, "La Boheme-Walzer der Massette" by Puccini, and so well was this presentation received, that the primadonna was called back again and again.

In keeping with the spirit of the Easter services, Chaplain R. R. Marken preached on the theme, "The Challenge of the Easter Message". The services opened with the Prelude "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today" by Wesley, and for the Offertory, "Angels, Roll Away The Rock" by Roper. A Saxaphone Quartette "The Day Of Resurrection" by Smart was heard during the services.

The concert formally opened with the March "Belmont" by Tilton, as played by the Fourth U.S. Marines Band, Bandmaster MT-Sgt L. E. Giffin conducting. As the concluding number, the Fantasia "Sacred" by Tobani was played.

Shanghai Pickpockets Steal Thousands Each Year

Police Fighting Gangs But Public Reluctant To Co-operate; How to Curtail Thieving

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

WELL-ORGANIZED gangs of pickpockets steal thousands of dollars worth of property from innocent citizens in Shanghai annually. The police is doing everything in its power to combat this evil but the public who are the direct sufferers seem to take few, if any, precautions. As in all other rackets in this city, pocketpicking is efficiently operated by a large number of gangs which, while primarily concerned with their own well-being, are eagerly out to cut the throats of their competitors who may be luckier in the choice of their victims.

Shanghai gangs work in groups of two, three or four, and unlike their brethren in the United States and Great Britain, where they would be called "cannons," they do not have a professional nickname.

One member may appear to be a college student, the other may look like a modestly prosperous businessman while any number of them look exactly like genuine office coolies who roam Shanghai streets by the thousands each day. The "stalls" who do the jostling, usually are disagreeable bruisers, and while rushes for buses, particularly at the Honan Road stop, may be genuine, they are often caused by one of these gangs.

There are many ways in which a victim may be caught. Some-one may step on his toe, or his hat is "accidentally" knocked off his head so that he has to bend down to pick it up, while the "wire," the man who lifts the money or fountain-pen, does his job.

Frequently too, one of the members of a gang will "accidentally" bump into a man profusely excusing himself immediately afterwards. While he is making his excuses, however, the other member of the gang who stands behind the victim, goes to work and usually succeeds.

Buses Are Favourites

Buses and tramcars are still favourite haunts of Shanghai's legion of pickpockets, although the narrow section of Szechuen Road, north of Nanking Road, is running a close second, particular attention being paid to that intersection by members of the S.M.P. specialized in combatting this method of "getting-rich-quick."

In one thing, professional pickpockets in Shanghai behave in the same manner as their "colleagues" elsewhere in the world. They will invariably return valuable documents and letters found in the stolen pocketbook. Usually they place such articles into a white envelope which is dropped in a mail box, thereupon being handed over to the police by the postal authorities.

Often, too, zealous members of the profession use a razor blade firmly planted in a piece of wood. With this between the two fingers of the left hand, they avail themselves of the frequent jostling in a bus or tramcar, to cut open a Chinese gown, or even the belt in which many Chinese carry their money. It is all done within the fraction of a minute and the victim usually notices nothing until he gets home.

Thrusting newspapers in the faces of innocent people is as old a method as it is successful. Only a second is required to pull out a fountain-pen that is carried in an outside pocket, if the pickpocket's hand is shielded by a newspaper. It often happens too, that the cannon is just a bit too slow and does not have time to conceal the stolen fountain pen in his clothes or under the hatband (as is often done). In this case, he drops it to the ground, and kicks it off the pavement where another member of the gang is already waiting to pick it up. If the owner of the pen notices what has happened, the finder will return it and, as often as not, he will be thanked by the would-be victim.

Beware of Overcoats

Beware of any person carrying his overcoat over his left arm, because he may want to use it to shield his right hand when he ventures into one of your pockets during one of those jostles.

Watches, if attached to thin chains, are an easy prey to the experienced pickpocket who will have it in his hands long before the victim realizes that anyone has touched him. The chain is torn in a special manner. Cameras too, are easy to steal almost anywhere, if and when there is a crowd which enables the cannons to work with ease.

If a blind man is seen walking along the street, help him over a dangerous crossing by all means, but always remember that not all "blind" men have lost their sight. Some of them bump into one merely so that they can get to the contents of a pocket.

"Newspaper Vendors"

Pickpockets are extremely good actors. American sailors are usually the victims of "newspaper vendors" who stick the paper right straight under their noses and use the fraction of a minute gained thereby, to steal the contents of the left breast-pockets which American sailors have on their uniforms.

In Shanghai, very few women work with pocket-picking gangs. In the United States and Great Britain, on the other hand, they are often more capable than the men.

But if thousands of dollars worth of property are stolen annually individual "cannons" never earn much, even though they may have just completed their biggest catch. The trouble is blackmail in the profession, and if rival gangs get wind of a big "take," it is advisable to pay them hush-money.

There are many "Don'ts" for those who want to prevent the theft of their property by these criminals. The police are of the belief that many persons, even though they suspect that a pocket has been picked, are reluctant to raise an alarm because they are afraid that their suspicions may be wrong.

If, while travelling in a bus, you suspect that a pocket has been picked, don't make any noise, but walk up to the conductor, inform him of your suspicions and he will do the rest: he will keep all doors closed until he can signal for a policeman to board the vehicle. It may be a false alarm, but on the other hand, you may have been responsible for the arrest of a notorious pickpocket.

Never carry your camera or handbag over the shoulder: a razor blade will cut the strap in no time, and you will be looking at a new camera before you know it, that is if you still feel like taking pictures after such an experience.

Beware of a man thrusting a newspaper under your nose.

Never carry anything in your right hip-pocket, because it is the easiest to pick.

Carry fountain-pens and pencils in your inside pockets if you don't want to part with them.

Beware of anyone tapping your left shoulder by accident what he merely wants to do is draw your attention to that side while he picks your right coat pocket.

Be careful of anyone excusing himself profusely for having bumped into you, not nearly as many pedestrians are gentlemen as you would care to think.

But whatever you do, do not refrain from informing the police if you are suspicious of some one. If your guess is wrong, nothing will happen. On the other hand, another cannon may walk straight to Ward Road Gaol, thanks to your vigilance.

Amoy Mayor Threatens Action in Shooting

Amoy, Mar. 24.

Contending that, as the successor of the taotai of Imperial days, he had the authority to "supervise" the administration of the Kulangsu International Settlement, Mr. Li Ssu-chen, Mayor of the Special Municipality of Amoy, today threatened to assume the control of the police in Kulangsu.

The wounding of Mr. Yin Hsueh-fu, manager of the Amoy Industrial Bank, by two unidentified gunmen, believed to be political terrorists, on Thursday, Mr. Li stated "showed the deterioration of peace and order in Kulangsu." The mayor attributed the incident to the failure of the Settlement police to carry out their duties efficiently.

Mr. Yin was wounded in the left shoulder when attacked in an alley behind the Kulangsu Municipal Council.—Domei.

No Apology for Mr. Butler's Statement

Mr. Oswald White, British Consul-General at Tientsin, denied today that he had "apologized" to Japanese authorities over a statement by Mr. R. A. Butler in the House of Commons regarding the alleged taxing of Chinese entering the British Concession of Tientsin. A report in the Japanese-controlled "Peiping Chronicle" today said Mr. White had "apologized" to the Japanese Consul-General at Tientsin over Mr. Butler's statement. Mr. White, who is at present in Peiping, authorized Reuter to deny the report in the Chronicle.

Mr. Butler recently said reports were current that a regular tariff was being levied by the Japanese authorities at Tientsin on all Chinese entering the British Concession. Mr. White said he had assured his Japanese colleague that he was sure Mr. Butler's statement was misunderstood. He had expressed regret at the misunderstanding, Mr. White pointed out.—Reuter.

Wang's Ex-Associates Leave Hongkong

Couple Who Revealed "Peace" Terms Quit Colony

Chungking, Mar. 24.

Mr. Kao Tsung-wu and Mr. Tao Hsi-sheng, former associates of Mr. Wang Ching-wei who recently announced their defection from his peace movement, at the same time disclosing the text of an agreement between the Japanese and Mr. Wang, have left Hongkong, according to Chinese press reports here.

Mr. Kao is said to have left Hongkong on March 22 for Europe, while Mr. Tao is reported to have departed for an undisclosed destination. He is expected to return to Hongkong soon.

The "Central Daily News," official organ of the Chinese Government, published this morning a special article by Mr. Tao in which he asserted that the Japanese were planning to "destroy completely Chinese nationalism as well as the Chinese Kuomintang." The recent central political conference in Nanking was concrete evidence of the Japanese designs, he declared. He said Japanese slogans, and organizations like the "Hsin Min Hui," aimed at the overthrow of ideas of nationalism among the Chinese as well as the Kuomintang.—Reuter.

Japanese Diet Session Extended

Tokyo, Mar. 24.

At the request of the Government, an Imperial decree was issued here this afternoon extending the present session of the Diet until Tuesday. The Government, holding an emergency meeting in the Diet this afternoon, decided to petition the Throne for an extension in view of the inability of the House of Peers to deliberate on various bills referred to it by the Lower Chamber in the last few days.—Domei.

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President of Academia Sinica

Three Officials Nominated For Office

Chungking, Mar. 24.

At a meeting of councillors of the Academia Sinica, highest research body in China, two ministers and an Ambassador were nominated to succeed the late Mr. Tsai Yuan-pei as President of the academy. They are Mr. Oong Wen-hao, Minister of Economic Affairs; Mr. Chu Chia-hua, Minister of Organization of the Central Kuomintang, and Mr. Hu Shih, Ambassador to Washington.

The names of the three candidates were submitted to the National Government, which will select one of them for formal appointment. All public bodies are attending a meeting today in honour of Mr. Tsai, who died in Hongkong recently.

The "Central Daily News," official organ of the Chinese Government, published a special supplement this morning containing special articles by prominent Government and party leaders paying tribute to the life and work of Mr. Tsai.

Two articles are of special interest. One was written by Mr. Chen Tuh-siu, founder of the Chinese Communist Party who was expelled as a "leader of Chinese Trotskyists" and who collaborated with Mr. Tsai in the Chinese renaissance movement. Another article was penned by Mr. Ku Meng-yu, former close associate of Mr. Wang Ching-wei but now dissociated from the latter's so-called peace movement.—Reuter.

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Money and Exchange

Foreign Money Rates

London: Mar. 23.

Fine Bank Bills,	3 months	1 1/16%
Bank Bills	6 months	1 3/16%
Fine Trade Bills,	3 months	2¾%
Fine Trade Bills,	6 months	3¼%
Call Money		0⅞%

New York: Closed.—Reuter.

Foreign Exchanges

London & Sterling T. T. on: Mar. 23.

New York	402.50	Shanghai	4¼d.
Paris	176.50	Bombay	1/6 1/32
Amsterdam	7.53	Hongkong	1/2 31/32
Brussels	23.60	Singapore	2/4 1/32
Madrid	38.70	Yokohama	1/3 1/32
Milan	72.50	" (buying)	1/3⅛
Berne	17.85		

New York U.S.$ T. T. on:

Berlin	40.20	Montreal	81.250
Spain	9.95	Brazil	5.10
Holland	53.09½	Japan	23.48
Paris	2.10¼	Shanghai	6.50
Brussels	17.03	Hungary	17.70
Italy	5.05	Rumania	0.53 N
S'zerland	22.42½	Yugo Slavia	2.32 N
Sweden	23.84	Greece	0.70½N
Norway	22.73	Finland	1.65
Denmark	19.32		

London	3.71
" Demand	3.71⅛
Buenos Aires Paper	Unq.
" " " market rate	23.55
Montreal on London	4.56¼

N—Nominal.—Reuter.

London Money Market

London, Mar. 23.

Despite prepayments of the War Loan subscription, together with a good holiday currency enquiry, overnight credit continued to be plentiful in the London money market.

This week's offer of £50,000,000 of Treasury Bills were fully allotted at the average rate of 20/4.92d., which was a shade under last week's figure.

As bills constitute a popular maturing, keen competition resulted with the market's quota falling to 38 per cent. against 41 per cent. last week.—Reuter.

Bombay Cotton Market

Bombay, Mar. 23.

Intensified peace talks and the collapse of Liverpool caused heavy liquidation and option selling in the Bombay cotton market during the week under review. The shake-out has been severe, and it is estimated that the total open position is now no more than 60 per cent. compared with commitments in January. The offtake of spots was chiefly due to covering of old commitments by shippers.

The textile situation is rather better, but spinners are not buying.

In looking ahead, there are points for consideration: concern over our abnormally wide parity; well liquidated condition; and the long succession of bear factors, which have been discounted. However, the possibility of war news warming up may provide the necessary stimulus, which has so long been absent.—Reuter.

U.S. Steel Mill Activity

New York, Mar. 18.

Steel mill activity in the United States for the week commencing March 18 was placed at 62.4 per cent. of capacity, according to the weekly estimate issued today by the American Iron and Steel Institute.

This represents a decline of 2.3 per cent. compared with the preceding week, but an advance of 7.0 per cent. over the same week last year.—Reuter.

U. S. Commodities

Saturday's Closing Quotations

New York, Mar. 23.

Very quiet and narrow conditions were witnessed in the rubber market today, with prices finally moderately advancing on better support, shorts covering and a scarcity of primary offerings. At the close, quotations ranged from 2 to 6 points up.

After opening steady, wheat futures in Chicago today moderately slipped on liquidation, speculative selling, lower cables and a poor export demand. At the final bell, quotations ranged from unchanged to ¼ cent. down.

New York Rubber

May	18.45 45	+04
July	18.17-17	+02
Sept.	18.06B-10A	+06

Chicago Wheat / **Chicago Corn**

May	105¼-105⅛	—¼	May	56⅝-56½	—⅛
July	103⅜-103¼	—⅛	Sept.	58-58	—⅛
Sept.	102¾-102⅝	unc.			

Winnipeg Wheat

May	89½ B	—¼

New York Cotton, Sugar, and Silk. Closed.—Reuter.

Singapore Weekly Rubber Report

Singapore, Mar. 7.

There have been no disturbing features in the rubber market during the week and more active trading has been evident. Prices have appreciated on account of a revival of interest by manufacturers, and there has also been fair speculative support.

London has lost some of its premium for nearby rubber, due to larger arrivals in the U. K. to offset the shortage of ready rubber, which has recently been experienced there, but forward positions in that market show an improvement. Locally, a considerable volume of business has passed and all offerings have been well absorbed. There is still a scarcity of buyers for end of the year deliveries.

At time of writing the market is quietly steady, latest quotations being as follows:—

Spot 39 cents, up ⅞ cent.
London 12¼d., down ⅜d.
New York 18 9/16 U.S.A. cents, up 7/16 U.S.A. cent.

Malayan shipments during last month amounted to 62,105 tons as against 56,214 tons in January, 1940, and 43,084 tons in January of last year.

Imports into Malaya during February, compared with the previous month and the corresponding period of 1939, were (in tons):—

	Feb. 1940	Jan. 1940	Feb. 1939
Dry	15,351	28,292	12,120
Wet (Estimated Dry Weight)	1,247	1,849	1,769
Total (Dry tons)	16,598	30,141	13,88[illegible]

At the auctions yesterday there was a good demand for all grades. Of 729 tons catalogued, 672 tons were offered and 527 tons sold.

The following is the course of values:—

	in Singapore per lb.
Ribbed Smoked Sheet	
Standard quality	38½—38⅞
Good average quality	37¾—38⅛
Fair average quality	36⅝—37⅝
Off quality	35⅛—36½
Sheet Cuttings	34¾—35⅜
Crepe	
Fine quality Pale	No Sales
Standard and slightly inferior	36½
Off-colour Latex	35⅝—36⅜
Light Brown and Brown (Clean)	35½—36
Milling Grades	
Cupwashings and skimmings	35 —35⅛
Tree Scrap	30 —31⅞
Brown and Dark Crepe	31⅜—35⅜
Bark Crepe (Earth Rubber)	28⅞—29
Virgin Lump	29¼—31¾

New York Stocks

Saturday's Closing Quotations

New York, Mar. 23.

Stock prices on Wall Street today finished quiet and featureless, with prices showing moves of fractions either way. No particular feature presented itself, with most operators absent and general news colourless.

Recent market leaders came in for a little pressure, but there was a quiet selective demand for aviations and air transports.

The turnover today amounted to 390,000 shares.—Reuter.

Dow-Jones Averages

30 Indust.	147.00	146.49	146.73	unch.
20 Rails	30.16	30.03	30.10	—0.09
15 Utilit.	24.31	24.18	24.24	—0.05
40 Bonds	—	—	88.63	—0.15
11 Commod.	—	—	Unq.	—

	Mar. 21	23		Mar. 21	23
Adams Exp	7⅜	*7½	Kennecott	35⅜	35⅜
Alg Lud	22¼	*21¼	Lak F & M	*4	*4
Allied Stores	7⅞	7⅞	Libbey O F	50	50½
Allis Chal	36½	36⅜	Lockheed	30⅜	31¼
Alum Ld	104⅜	*104	Loew's	35⅜	36
Am Can	114⅜	114½	Loft Inc	31⅛	33
Am Cyan	38	38⅛	Mack Trks	25⅛	*25
Am For P	1⅜	*1⅜	Martin	42⅜	43
" $7 pfd	*22	22	McK & R	*26	*27
Am G & E	34½	34⅜	Monsanto	111	111
Am Loco	20⅛	*20	Mont Ward	53⅜	53⅜
Am Metal	24⅜	24⅜	Nat City B	*28⅜	*28½
Am Radtr	8⅜	8⅛	Nat Avian	12⅝	14⅛
Am R Mill	14¼	14¼	Nat Dairy	17	17¼
Am Smltg	*49¼	49⅜	Nat Dist	25⅛	25¼
Am Sug R	20	*19½	Nat Gyp	10⅛	*10½
Am T & T	171⅜	171⅜	Nat Lead	*20⅜	21¼
Am Tob B	87	89½	Nat P & L	7⅜	7⅜
Am Wtwrks	9⅜	9¼	Nat Steel	66	65½
Anaconda	28⅜	28⅛	Nat Supply	8⅛	8⅜
Atchison	22	21¼	N Y Cent	15½	15¼
Auburn	*1¼	1¼	Niag Hud	5⅛	5
Bald Loco	14⅜	14⅛	N A Avian	24⅛	24½
Balt & Ohio	4⅛	4¼	N Am Co	21⅛	21
Barber	14¼	*14¼	N Pacific	7⅛	7⅜
Barn Oil	10⅝	10⅝	O I Glass	62⅜	62⅜
Bend Avian	33	34	Pac G & E	33⅜	33⅜
Beth Steel	75	74¾	Pac Light	47¼	47¼
Bliss	*14⅜	14¼	Packard	4	3⅞
Boeing	21⅜	22	Pan Am Air	20⅜	21¼
Borg War	22	22½	Paramount	7⅛	7⅛
Brig Brass	10⅞	10⅞	Penn R R	21⅛	21⅜
Briggs	20⅛	20⅜	Phelps D	36⅜	36½
Bkn M Tr	22¼	22	P & R Coal	0¼	0¼
" $6 pfd	90	*90½	Phil Pet	38⅜	38⅜
Budd Mfg	5¼	5¼	Pitt C & I	*7⅛	*7¼
Can Pac	5⅝	5⅛	Pub Serv	42	42
Case J I	*67½	*67¼	Pullman	26	25⅜
Celanese	30½	30	Pure Oil	9	8⅞
Chase N B	*33½	*33⅜	Radio	6⅜	6¼
Chesepeake	40	39⅜	Reading	14	*15
Chrysler	85¼	85⅛	" 1st pfd	25⅜	*25
Clim Mlyb	39	39	Rem Arms	4⅜	*3⅞
Colt's	*77	76½	Rep Avian	5⅜	5⅜
Col G & E	5⅜	5¼	Rep Steel	20	20
" A pfd	86	*85⅜	Rev C & B	12⅛	12
Com Credit	45⅜	45⅜	Rey Tob B	41⅜	41¼
Com & Sth	1	1	Rich Oil	7⅛	7
Cons Edis	31	30⅞	Safeway	50⅜	50⅜
Cons Oil	7¼	7¼	Schenley	12⅝	13
Cont Can	46⅜	47	Sears Roe	85⅜	86
Cont Oil	22¼	22¼	Shell U Oil	10⅛	10⅜
Copld St	16⅜	16⅜	Soc Vac	11¼	11¼
Corn Prod	60	59⅜	Sthrn Pac	12	12⅛
Curtis Wr	10¼	10⅛	Sthrn Rly	26⅛	25¼
" A	29	29	Sperry Cpn	42⅜	42⅜
Deere & C	21⅜	21¼	Spicer Mfg	33⅜	34⅛
Dist Corp	19½	19⅜	Std Brands	6⅜	6⅛
Douglas	82	82⅜	Std G & E	1⅜	1⅜
Du Pont	185⅜	186½	Std Oil	22⅜	22⅜
E P Lead	*10⅞	11¼	Std Oil N J	43⅜	43⅜
Eaton Mfg	33	*32¼	Stone & W	9⅛	9⅜
Elec A Lite	37⅜	38⅜	Studebaker	10⅜	11
Elec B & S	5⅝	5⅜	Swift Int	29⅛	29⅜
" $5 pfd	58⅜	59⅜	Technicor	15	15⅛
" $6 pfd	68⅛	68⅜	Tex Corp	45	45⅜
Elec P & L	28⅜	*28	Tex Gulf	33⅜	33⅜
Fisk Rub	15⅛	15⅛	Timken	22⅛	23
Flintkote	19⅜	19½	Transamer	6	6
Gen Am Tr	52⅜	52⅛	Tw Cont F	11⅛	11⅜
Gen Elec	38⅜	38⅛	" pfd	22⅛	*22⅜
Gen Motor	54	54	Un Carbide	83⅜	83
Gen Rly	16¼	*16¼	Un Pac	95⅛	95⅜
Gen T & R	20½	20	Un Air	47⅛	47⅜
Glidden	17	*16½	Un A Line	19⅜	20
Goodrich	18⅞	18⅜	Un Corp	2	2
" $5 pfd	*65	*64⅜	" $3 pfd	39	39
Goodyear	22⅜	22	Un Gas	1⅛	1⅜
Gt N I Ore	13	13	Un Gas Imp	13⅛	13⅜
Gt N Rly	23⅜	24	U S Ind Al	21⅛	*21⅜
Gt W Sug	*27½	*27½	U B Rub	34⅛	32⅜
Grey Cpn	15⅛	16⅛	" 8% pfd	115⅜	*114⅜
Her Pow	94	95	U S Steel	55⅜	55¼
Homestake	54½	54	Vanadium	33⅜	*33
Int Harv	56	56	Vultee Air	9⅜	*9⅛
Int Nickel	35⅛	35	Walworth	5⅛	5⅛
Int T & T	4	4	War Br Pic	3⅜	3⅜
Johns Man	70	*69½	West Elec	111	111⅛
Jones & L	*57	*57	Woodward	24⅛	24⅜

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Amer. & For. Power	62¾	62¼
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" " 6½% 1957	17	*16½
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Erie R.R. 6s 1967	14⅞	15⅞
Int. Tel. & Tel.	47¼	45½
New England Gas & Elec.	66¾	66⅞
Republic of Colombia	33	*32⅞
" " (1928) 6s '61	34	*33¼
Sthrn. Pacific Co.	44⅜	44½
Stand. Gas & Elec.	64½	65

*—Bid.

Dow-Jones Summary

By Courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

Many traders were still absent from the floor today, while there was little in the news to influence prices either way. Steel centres reported recessions for next week, but such an announcement was expected.

Stocks: Presented a firm tone, especially war stocks. Indications point to better prices for next week. Bank clearings were off 3.1 per cent. "The Times" index of business activity was 95.2, against 96 for last week and 88.7 per cent. for the corresponding period of the previous year.

Earnings

Stock	Period	1940	1939
Spicer Manufacturing	6 mths. 29/2	$1,112,878*	—
		1939	1938
Colt Pat. Wire Arms	Yr. 31/12	6.84	$5.72
North Amer. Aviation	Yr. 31/12	2.06	0.55
Pacific Gas & Elec.	Yr. 31/12	2.84	2.47
Safeway Stores	Yr. 31/12	6.61	4.02

*—Net Profit.

Dividends

Spicer Manufacturing—$1.00.

Statistics

	Week Ended 22/3	15/3
Production of cars and trucks (Ward's estimate)	103,395	105,720 (units)

Wheat: Ruled steady, despite a forecast of moderate precipitation over the weekend. Colder weather and crop reports stimulated some commission house buying. Loan stocks on March 14 were listed at 112,983,945 bushels, of which 27,000,000 bushels on farms were exempt. An estimate places from 70,000,000 to 75,000,000 bushels as yet to be liquidated by April 30.

Rubber: Very quiet but firm conditions prevailed. February retail automobile sales totalled 283,973 cars and trucks.

Hides: Spots ruled quiet. The futures market was firm on the report of a possible German Easter offensive and a slight improvement in securities.

By Courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

Led by a rally in steels, aircrafts and other "war baby" issues, stock prices on Wall Street during the current week improved modestly though volume of trading continued at a low ebb reflecting caution and indecision on the part of many market operators. Early in the period the Hitler-Mussolini meeting at Brenner Pass accounted for some weakness, but the lower prices failed to attract a following. When it became apparent that nothing tangible was likely to result from the latest peace offensive, stocks in the "war baby" groups monopolized the attention of the market. Subsequently, the advance was attributed to Great Britain's air raid on Germany's air-base at the Sylt, which switched the viewpoint of Wall Street traders definitely towards war.

In the current period, commodity prices, as measured by the Dow-Jones 11 Commodity Index, regained virtually all the ground lost during the preceding week when the realization became wide-spread that an early termination of European hostilities was not imminent. By Thursday, wheat futures in Chicago stood at their highest level since February 23. Reports of a more belligerent war attitude, European cabinet changes, the extension of the loan on 5,000,000 bushels and the possibility of more, together with further crop complaints, accounted for the strength. Quiet but steady conditions ruled in the cotton market where operators were awaiting the outcome of the farm legislation. The general feeling appears to be that a broader demand is necessary before a sustained advance is likely. Featured by buying and covering on the part of large importers, rubber futures quietly moved upward. Irregular conditions prevailed in hides trading. Sugar futures advanced on scattered covering and new buying in a sold out market. A late cable states that England is reported to be inquiring for Cubas. Cocoa prices improved on cessation of peace talks.

The Federal Reserve Board Production Index for February has been placed at 109, and there are now indications of a slower rate of decline for the current period. Car loadings were off 2,012 at a time when a seasonal rise should be taking place. Although the steel composite price has softened by 17 cents to $16.54 and mill schedules continue above the rate of incoming business, the industry's magazine "Iron Age" reports signs of the steel market broadening and current month business above February. Compared with the corresponding period of last year and the January and February increase of 30 per cent. automobile retail sales for the first 10 days of the month showed a 12 per cent. gain. Textile operations are declining, although in relation to sales department store inventories are currently stated to be the lowest in 5 years. Washington dispatches indicate President Roosevelt's willingness to release the latest airplane models to the Allies. The proposed merger of Atlas Corporation and Curtiss-Wright would make the latter the world's largest aviation company, but there is some question whether Curtiss-Wright stockholders will approve of the consolidation.

The Market in Figures

	Thursday Mar. 14	Mar. 21	Change
D.-J. average for 30 Indust.	148.11	146.73	off 1.38
D.-J. average for 20 Rails	30.52	30.79	off .33
D.-J. average for 15 Utilit.	24.14	24.29	up .15
D.-J. average for 40 Bonds	88.90	88.78	off .12
D.-J. 11 Commodity Index	58.99	59.55	up .56

Commodity Prices

	Mar. 14	Mar. 21
Chicago Wheat	102	105½
Winnipeg Wheat	88	89¾
Corn	56⅝	56¾
Cotton	10.64	10.59
Rubber	18.33	18.43
Hides	14.15	13.77
Sugar	1.58	1.56
Cocoa	5.45	5.44

Business

	Previous	Latest
N.Y. Times Index	96.8	96.0
Car loadings (carloads)	621,000	619,000
Steel operations (% of cap)	64.7	62.4
Elec. power prod. (kw. hrs.)	*2,464,000	*2,460,000
Aver. daily oil prod. (bbls.)	3,829,000	3,890,000
Automobile output (No. of cars)	103,560	105,720

*000 omitted.

Stock Outlook: The stock market still continues to move within the narrow trading range of the past two months. Nevertheless, there are growing indications that prices are likely to break out on the upside, barring unfavourable developments not now in prospect. Failure of the latest peace moves, a more belligerent attitude in Europe, recent French cabinet changes, strengthening commodity prices rising bank deposits and business improvement planks in both party platforms during the forthcoming Presidential campaigns all add up to a stronger market. Technically, the failure of the industrial averages to confirm the recent downside penetration of the January lows by the rails was mildly encouraging.

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Name of Stock (No par value except where indicated)	Dividends: Annual rate $	Dividends: Date of 1st quarterly payment	Book value	Earnings or Deficits: 5 yr Average 1928-30	1936	1937	1938	Yield on basis of price in %
Adams Express	0.25	Irregular	14	—	0.50	0.62	0.16	3
Allegheny Ludlum Steel	0.50	Irregular	21	—	2.13	2.10	D 1.04	2
Allis Chalmers	1.25	Irregular	32	—	2.27	4.42	1.44	3
American can 25	4	Feb. 15	46	6.29	5.80	6.08	4.35	4
Am. and Foreign Power	—	—	—	1.43	D 9.45	D 8.77	D 8.66	nil
Am. and For.P. $7 cum.Pref.	0.35	Irregular	110	23.49	5.84	7.11	6.83	1
Am. Locomotive	—	—	6	4.20	D 1.71	4.75	D 4.90	nil
Am. Radiator	0.30†	Irregular	11	1.84	0.70	0.68	D 0.08	3
Am. Rolling Mill	—	—	28	2.46	2.25	2.55	D 1.16	nil
American Smelting	3	Feb. 28	35	7.27	6.85	6.54	3.24	6
Am. Tel. and Tel. 100	9	Jan. 15	127	1.30	9.89	9.76	8.32	5
Am. Tob. "B" 35	5	Mar. 1	24	6.00	3.71	5.04	4.89	6
Am. Waterworks	—	—	10	2.80	1.52	1.14	0.38	nil
Anaconda Copper 50	1.25	Irregular	58	4.97	1.83	3.62	1.10	4
Atch., Top. & S. Fe 100	—	—	260	19.16	1.56	0.60	0.83	nil
Auburn Automobiles	—	—	28	9.72	D 6.67	D 15.00	D 1.73	nil
Baltimore and Ohio 100	—	—	126	11.36	0.85	D 1.20	D 6.04	nil
Barber Asphalt (10)	0.50†	Irregular	32	—	1.14	1.91	D 0.85	3
Barnsdall Oil 5	0.80	Feb. 1	8	—	1.01	0.85	1.26	7
Bethlehem Steel	2.50†	Irregular	117	7.06	2.09	7.63	D 0.70	3
Boeing Airplane 5	—	—	10	—	0.32	0.45	D 0.77	nil
Borg-Warner 5	1.35	Irregular	16	—	3.57	3.63	D 0.01	6
Bklyn. Manh. Tran.	—	—	79	6.78	0.30	4.09	D 1.25	nil
Canadian Pacific Rly. 25	—	—	40	3.11	0.04	0.30	D 0.32	nil
Case, J. I. 100	—	—	154	14.53	12.36	13.98	8.89	nil
Chase Nat. Bank 13.55	1.40	F.A. 1	32	4.04	2.24	2.03	—	3
Chesapeake & Ohio. 25	2.62½	Jan. 1	51	5.67	5.72	4.43	2.62	7
Chrysler 5	5.25†	Irregular	40	4.69	14.25	11.66	4.32	6
Columbia Gas and Electric.	—	—	16	2.08	0.53	0.57	0.31	nil
Commercial Credit 10	4.00	Mar. 31	29	—	6.08	7.10	4.60	9
Commonwealth & Southern	—	—	5	0.67	0.13	0.18	0.08	nil
Consolidated Edison	2	Mar. 15	52	4.50	2.32	2.17	2.09	6
Consolidated Oil	0.80	Feb. 15	18	—	1.18	1.48	0.55	11
Continental Oil	1	Jan. 30	17	0.64	1.78	2.97	1.00	4
Corn Products 25	3	Jan. 20	34	4.41	3.86	2.52	3.17	5
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	2	Mar. 15	21	nil	2.42	3.95	3.75	11
Douglas Aircraft	3	Irregular	21	1.50	1.74	1.90	3.76	4
Dupont de Nemours 10	7	Mar. 15	42	5.17	7.54	7.27	3.75	4
Eagle Picher Lead 10	0.20†	Irregular	14	—	0.74	0.40	—	2
Electric Bond & Share 5	—	—	21	2.15	0.17	0.42	0.18	nil
Elec. Bond & Share $6 Pref.	6	Feb. 1	30	—	6.42	7.31	—	9
Flintkote	1.00	—	13	—	1.75	1.50	1.21	5
General Electric	1.40	Jan. 25	11	1.81	1.52	2.21	0.90	4
General Motors 10	3.50†	Mar. 12	19	4.83	5.36	4.38	2.17	6
General Railway Signal	—	—	16	7.99	0.17	1.58	D 0.85	nil
Glidden	0.50	—	22	—	3.29	2.62	D 0.29	3
Goodrich Rubber	1	—	24	2.09	4.03	D 2.25	0.14	5
Goodyear Tire and Rubber	1†	Irregular	27	5.12	3.90	1.95	1.34	4
Great Northern Ry. Pfd.	—	—	157	9.47	3.99	4.04	1.09	nil
Greyhound	1.35	Jan. 1	9	D 0.16	1.50	1.59	1.43	8
Int. Nickel	2	Mar. 30	14	0.85	2.40	3.31	2.09	6
Int. Tel. and Tel.	—	—	30	3.45	0.63	1.60	1.10	nil
Kennecott	2	Mar. 30	54	3.67	2.36	4.60	2.10	6
Loew's Inc.	2.50†	Mar. 30	34	6.71	6.73	8.47	4.65	7
Montgomery Ward	2	Apr. 15	26	2.51	3.63	3.41	3.50	4
Nat. City Bank N.Y. 12½	1	F. A. 1	25	4.12	2.10	2.00	—	3
Nat. Dairy Products	0.80	Jan. 2	12	3.58	2.01	1.53	1.69	5
National Distillers	2	Feb. 1	21	—	3.81	3.86	3.85	8
Nat. Power and Light	0.60	Mar. 1	22	1.74	0.99	1.36	1.28	8
New York Central	—	—	142	12.63	1.79	0.99	D 3.13	nil
North Am. Aviation 1	1.40	Irregular	2	—	0.001	0.14	0.55	6
North American Co. 10	1.20*	Jan. 2	21	4.47	1.74	1.95	1.55	6
Pacific Gas and Electric 25	2	Jan. 16	20	2.83	2.55	2.71	2.47	6
Pacific Lighting	3*	Feb. 15	39	2.70	3.88	4.10	4.18	6
Packard Motors	—	—	13	1.11	0.47	0.20	D 0.12	nil
Paramount Pictures 1	0.15	—	7	—	1.18	1.96	0.84	2
Pennsylvania Railroad 50	1	Irregular	19	7.01	2.94	2.07	0.84	4
Phillips Petroleum	2	Mar. 1	28	3.69	4.02	5.42	2.03	5
Public Service of N.J.	2.50	Mar. 30	35	3.15	2.80	2.61	2.34	6
Pure Oil	0.25†	Irregular	22	1.77	1.63	2.15	0.38	3
Radio Corp.	0.20	Irregular	nil	1.32	0.21	0.41	0.30	3
Reynolds Tobacco "B"	2.30†	Jan. 1	4	3.04	2.93	2.82	2.37	6
Schenley 5	—	—	45	—	7.05	5.04	2.46	nil
Sears Roebuck	4.25	Mar. 16	30	5.03	5.60	5.58	4.18	5
Socony Vacuum Corp. 15	0.50†	M. S. 15	44	—	1.38	1.82	1.29	5
Southern Pacific 100	—	—	123	10.19	3.84	0.20	D 1.81	nil
Standard Brands	0.42½	Jan. 2	90	1.53	1.11	0.73	0.62	6
Standard Gas & Electric	—	—	4	6.59	D 0.99	D 0.86	D 2.23	nil
Standard Oil of N.J. 25	1.25*	J. D. 15	0	3.47	3.73	5.64	2.86	2
Texas Gulf Sulphur	2	Mar. 15	49	5.21	2.56	3.02	1.81	6
Union Carbide & Carbon	2	Jan. 2	15	3.40	4.14	4.81	2.77	2
Union Pacific Railway 100	6	Jan. 2	38	17.53	8.20	6.15	6.62	6
United Aircraft 5	2	Irregular	8	—	0.76	1.52	2.05	4
United Airlines 5	—	—	7	—	0.26	D 0.52	D 0.66	nil
United Corp.	—	—	2	0.55	0.19	0.22	0.07	nil
United Gas Improvement	1	Mar. 23	11	1.29	1.09	1.09	0.99	8
U.S. Rubber 10	—	—	24	nil	3.31	2.21	0.43	nil
U.S. Steel	—	—	147	12.90	2.91	8.01	D 3.79	nil
Vanadium	1†	Irregular	29	4.59	0.40	2.22	0.61	3
Warner Bros. Pictures	—	—	18	1.84	0.75	1.48	0.41	nil
Westinghouse Elec. 6.50	3.87½	Feb. 28	70	7.22	5.67	7.53	3.38	3

*Plus extras D Deficit E Est †Dividends are for the latest four quarters

British Licensing Of Canned Fruit

Expected to Hit Japanese Exporters Hard

Tokyo, Mar. 20.

Fruit pulp and marmalade will be the only varieties of imported canned fruit to escape the licensing system imposed by the British Government yesterday, according to a report received here from London today.

Business circles here expressed fear that Japanese exporters of canned goods would be hard hit by the measure, explaining that not only Y.15,000,000 worth of canned fruit salad is shipped to England yearly, but that still more important that the present market were the future prospects. Canned fruit salad from Japan had only recently been introduced in England and exporters had hoped that future sales there would be large. Sales of canned Mikan (Japanese tangerine) had also been bright as Japanese traders planned to export over one million boxes of the fruit in 1940. Contracts for more than half of these exports have already been completed.

Shipments of canned fruits which left their ports of export before the date of licensing, will not be affected by the ruling.—Domei.

U.S. Crude Oil Production

New York Mar. 20.

Production of crude oil in the United States for the week ended March 16 averaged 3,890,000 barrels daily, according to the weekly report issued today by the Petroleum Institute of New York.

This represents an average increase of 61,000 barrels per day compared with the preceding week and of 506,000 barrels daily compared with the corresponding period last year.—Reuter.

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The following particulars in connection with vessels due to arrive to-day are based upon information available yesterday evening.

From DAIREN: Tsingtao Maru, with mail, due between 2-3 p.m. Whangpo Wharf.

DUE AT FUTURE DATES

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

On account of the present international situation there is considerable interference with movements of ships, especially those from Europe. In cases where it is definitely known that the vessel is not running to schedule the Shanghai arrival date is omitted.

EUROPE AND STRAITS

From GENOA			From SOURABAYA		
India	29/2	6/5	Tjisadane	15/3	2/4
From TRIESTE			Tjinegara	22/3	8/4
Monte Piana	20/1	26/3	**From MANILA**		
Conte Verde	8/3	4/4	Laura Maersk	24/3	30/3
Volpi	27/2	17/4	Pres. Taft	25/3	1/4
Carignano	25/2	22/4	Tjisadane	25/3	2/4
From COLOMBO			**From HONGKONG**		
Conte Verde	23/3	4/4	See "China Ports" below		

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From NEW YORK			From LOS ANGELES		
P. Maersk	9/2	3/4	G'trude Maersk	19/3	14/4
Reinholt	27/1	3/4	Tatuta M.	25/3	21/4
G'trude Maersk	26/2	14/4	**From HONOLULU**		
Dona Aniceta	—	15/4	Asama Maru	20/3	7/4
Memphis City	—	20/4	**From SEATTLE**		
Grete Maersk	11/3	26/4	West Cuseta	18/3	9/4
Hulda Maersk	22/3	6/5	**From NAGASAKI**		
From PANAMA			Shanghai M.	26/3	27/3
Grete Maersk	22/3	26/4	**From KEELUNG**		
From LOS ANGELES			Hukuken M.	24/3	26/3
P. Maersk	29/2	3/4			
Asama M.	11/3	7/4			

AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA

From CAPETOWN			From MAURITIUS		
Tegelberg	13/3	20/4	Tegelberg	23/3	20/4

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Life of the World to Come

Sermon Preached in Holy Trinity Cathedral By Dean Trivett at Mattins March 24

TEXT.—"*This is life eternal, that they should know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou didst send.*" St. John 17, 3.

WE bring our Creed to a conclusion by declaring that we believe in "the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting," for the Christian belief is that the resurrection of Christ, which we celebrate today, is not an isolated phenomenon but an anticipation of the final destiny of all true believers. As we sang a moment ago,—"Christ is risen from the dead: and become the first-fruits of them that slept,"—the pledge of our resurrection.

The Christian faith is more than just a vague belief in immortality; we believe that we shall lose nothing by death. Death for the Christian is not the end of all that he holds dear,—it is a mere incident in an unbroken career. We believe that we shall be changed, clothed with a spiritual body, but we shall retain our identity in a life of companionship with those we love and who love us, and who will be recognizable to us and we to them. In that life we believe that there will be growth and progress, and there, away from the hinderances of unredeemed humanity and with freer and clearer vision, we shall gain increasing knowledge and enjoy a closer and deeper communion with God, our loving heavenly Father.

Eternal Life

We believe in "the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting." Now, what does that last clause mean? There is no doubt that if the ordinary man were asked that question, he would reply that it means a life forever and ever. And so it is —from the human point of view— but such a definition is incomplete. Indeed, in a sense we may say it is wrong, for this last clause in our Creed has reference to quality rather than to quantity. It is "what sort of a life" rather than "how long a life." We are told that a better translation of the original in the Apostles Creed would be, not "life everlasting," but "eternal life". This is borne out by the Nicene Creed, where we are taught to say, "And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come."

That which we believe in is not to be found in mere extension of time; we must seek our meaning in something more than duration. It is eternal life, the life of God, the life of the world to come. The attainment of this life should be the constant care of every Christian, the supreme aim of all endeavour. Now, there are many passages of scripture which throw light upon the nature of this life and indicate how it may be attained. Our text is one of the greatest,—"This is eternal life, that they should know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." Here is another from the fifth chapter of the First Epistle of St. John,—"Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God. God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye might know that ye have eternal life."

Life of God

It is the life of God, and this real life can only be obtained from the living Christ and by faith in Him,—faith which is knowledge and love and worship. This is the clear and reitertted teaching of the New Testament.

Now, here is a solemn thought. Only he who has received the Son of God by a living faith has that life. "He that hath not the Son hath not life." We may believe in it and yet not possess it. Let us think further about the nature of that life. This phrase, "hath not life", may help us in our understanding of the nature of that true life. For we may have, we all have, a sort of life which we share with all creation, but we can still be without the life which we are considering, the life of God, eternal life. Let me illustrate. As we read the text books of Physical Science today we find that it is affirmed that there is no such thing as dead matter. Even the seemingly inanimate things are really, when resolved to their ultimate atomic formations, very much alive. But this is a lower kind of life than that, say, of an animal, and this in turn cannot compare with the life of a human being. And among human beings we differentiate according to the worth of the life that is lived, all the way from the savage to the civilized, the brutal nature and the saint, but even the life which is most deeply spiritual here may be on a very low level by comparison with the life and experience of those who have entered upon the life beyond the grave.

Larger Life

Having come so far in understanding what is meant by "the life everlasting, eternal life", that it is a sort of life and not the quantity of life, we are ready to take the next step. Indeed, I have already suggested it. Not only do we look and long for the life of the world to come—the life which shall be ours when freed from the trammels of the flesh, with clearer and freer vision, we shall gain increasing knowledge and enjoy a closer and deeper communion with God, our loving heavenly Father—but we, as Christians, have already entered upon that larger life. In the wonderful eleventh chapter of St. John, our Lord brushes aside death as a mere incident in an unbroken life. He says: "He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." "I am the resurrection, and the life," He said to Martha. And this life of which he is speaking is the life in which we profess our faith, a life which we may have and enjoy here and now, a life over which death has no power.

Death is a Door

We believe in "a life everlasting, eternal life", a life which begins here and now, a life which is won, though not in its fullest form, or lost, during the years we spend on earth. We believe that human life in the fulness of our whole human nature can, without ceasing to be human, be raised to levels far above anything known to us now. Upon those levels death is no more a fearsome thing; it is only a door into another room, the gateway into a still larger and fuller life. This should not be difficult to understand. We can begin to live the upward, climbing life here and now. We can begin to live eternally in this present life, though the full realization of all that it means is yet hidden from us. And we believe that as human life rises towards the level of the divine life it experiences a joy and a happiness beyond anything that we can now imagine. Some idea of what that joy and happiness may be is revealed to us in the lives of the best and holiest of men, and in a smaller measure is not perhaps altogether outside the bounds of our own personal experience, but however full and intense such happiness may be now, it can be but the shadow of the full and ultimate reality.

How Shall We Enter?

How, then, shall we enter into this life? Here again mistaken ideas hold the field, nor do we wonder at it when we realize how muddled is so much of our thinking in regard to the nature of that life, and in passing one must admit that our hymn-books and our preaching are largely to blame. What do we find, then? We find that with many, if not the majority, "eternal life" is regarded as the reward which the Church and the Bible hold out as the end of a life of active virtue. It is the far off hope which stimulates the fainting heart to "patient continuance in well-doing". It is supposed that only after the battle is over and the victory won, we shall pass through the dark gateway of death into the bright peace of the Heavenly Kingdom. But this is not the teaching of Christ. He taught that eternal life is a present thing, not something that is set before the world as the prize of patient purity, or long-continued well-doing, or something to be used to stimulate and encourage men to a life of sacrifice and service. It is not the glory that only after death will crown the successful endeavours of the faithful, rather it is the purity, the well-doing, the holiness itself. It is the knowledge of God and Christ, with all the spiritual virtues which attend it. The text which I have chosen this morning sets that clearly before us: "This is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."

It is knowledge, then: but knowledge is a word of more than one meaning, and the knowledge of God, which is eternal life, has very little in common with that knowledge of Him which is called theology. For there is a difference—a difference that is fundamental and vital — between knowing a thing and knowing about it, between the knowledge we gain from books, or through others, and that which comes through feeling and personal experience, and those who know God most worthily, who know Him in the true and vital and all-important way, are not always the intellectually powerful but the spiritually sensitive. This is what St. Paul is saying in the 1st chapter of his 1st Epistle to the Corinthians, when he tells us that God has often made the poor and the despised of the world wise in the things of the spirit. This knowledge is within the reach of all. It is the sort of knowledge that married people have one of another, not a keen intellectual summing up of the strength and weakness of each other's character, but the estimate of close and intimate fellowship,—the knowledge a parent has of a child, or a friend of a friend, —the knowledge that is born of love and of service and of obedience.

Dependent upon Jesus Christ

We must know God in this way, —not by book knowledge alone or chiefly, but by the knwledge which is born of personal experience. It is here that we come to understand what is meant by that verse: "He that hath the Son hath life." For we shall find that for our knowledge of the true God, and for the eternal life which is born of that knowledge, we are utterly and entirely dependent upon Jesus Christ. He is the way, the truth and the life, and only he who has received the Son of God by a living faith has life. "He that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son hath not life." And we receive that knowledge from Him, not by his telling us certain great truths in regard to the being of God, teaching certain doctrines about God, but by his living among us,—God incarnate, God in man—living our life, loving us with a human heart, and healing us with human hands, and then telling us that he that had seen him had seen the Father.

We have before us in the Gospels the picture of God so clothed with humanity, and we have in the Acts and Epistles, and the experience of His followers in all ages down to this present day, the continuance of that revelation in His risen power. And we learn to know Him, not only as one who laid aside his glory to live our life, manifesting in all his relationships the incarnate love of God,—a love that did not hesitate at the shame of the cross, but bore our sins in his own body on the tree,— but as one who is with us at all times, His spirit in touch with our spirits, His strength made perfect in our weakness.

Our Saviour

To know Christ in this sense,— not alone as God, merciful and mighty, but as Saviour, companion, helper and friend, that every day, and hour by hour, He comes with a new ministry to snatch us out of our littleness into His greatness—that is eternal life. To know Christ in this sense,—that He repeats today every blessing that He bestowed in other days, changing its form to meet the changing need,—this is to enter here and now into the life which knows no end, to which death is but an incident in an unbroken career and which goes on, an ever increasing and deepening experience. This is everlasting life, the life of God, the life of the world to come.

Sweden Will Call Up 10,000 in Summer

Stockholm, Mar. 22.

Ten thousand Swedish conscripts who did not do military service before the outbreak of war will be called to the colours this summer.—Reuter.

Joint Commission Is Dissolved

Nanking Body Votes Itself Out of Existence; Envoy For Japan Discussed

Nanking, Mar. 24.

Ending its career of one year and six months, the Joint Commission of the Reformed and Provisional Governments today voted itself out of existence.

The Commission, organized as a liaison organ by the Peiping and Nanking regimes, held its eighth and last meeting at the Reformed Government Hostel, the former Nanking Hotel, at 9 o'clock this morning. Mr. Liang Hung-chih, chairman of the Executive Yuan of the Reformed Government presided.

In moving for a vote dissolving the Commission, Mr. Liang pointed out that since its establishment the joint body had contributed its efforts towards the formation of a unified government by maintaining liaison between the northern and southern regimes.

"Our endeavours over a period of a year and a half," he continued, "have been rewarded by the impending return to Nanking of the National Government by virtue of a resolution of the Central Political Conference. Our mission is now complete."

A manifesto on the dissolution of the Commission will be made public on March 30, simultaneously with the formal establishment of the reorganized National Government.

Ambassador to Japan

A statement of the significance and the purposes of the North China Political Commission, which will succeed the Provisional Government in administration North China will also be issued on that date.

Meanwhile, the selection of an ambassador to Japan to return the impending visit to Nanking of Gen. Nobuyuki Abe, former Premier, who will come to Nanking as a special Japanese ambassador at the formal inauguration of the Government, was engaging the attention of the officials of the projected new administration.

While Mr. Wang Ching-wei, in his capacity of President of the Executive Yuan, was seen to be the most suitable candidate it was held doubtful that he would have time for such a journey immediately after the new government takes over its duties. In case Mr. Wang is unable to go, it was believed that Nanking's regular ambassador to Japan would assume the task.

Delegates who attended the three-day Central Political Conference here started leaving here yesterday to return home. Mr. Chen Yu-ming and Mr. Cho-te-pa-cha-pu, Mongolian representatives, left Nanking at 7 o'clock yesterday morning for Shanghai en route to Tsingtao from where they will proceed by train.

Mr. Wang Keh-min, one of the Provisional Government delegates, was to leave for Peiping by air today.—Domei.

White Russian Arrested In Peiping

Peiping, Mar. 24.

Mr. T. S. Neppo, a White Russian employed by an Italian firm of curio dealers here, and well known in local sporting circles, has been arrested for unknown reasons by Chinese police. He is being kept in confinement, and no communication with him has so far been permitted.—Reuter.

Swiss Newsman Expelled From Reich

Brussels, Mar. 23.

One of the two "Neue Zurcher Zeitung" retaliation correspondents in Berlin was expelled, allegedly for the expulsion of a "Voelkischer Beobachter" correspondent from Switzerland, semi-official Belga (Belgian) news agency reported today.—Havas.

Leper Mission Has Hard Times

Hostilities Render Work More Difficult Throughout Country

The leprosy situation in China has undergone no material change in China during the past year, according to the annual report of the Chinese Mission to Lepers, which has just been issued. Despite insurmountable difficulties and tremendous odds, the report continues, leprosy institutions throughout the country, with the exception of the Swatow Municipal Leprosarium which was bombed and partially destroyed, and the Jukao Leprosy Clinic which was forced to close down soon after the outbreak of Sino-Japanese hostilities, were able to carry on their work of mercy.

Of an estimated world leper population of 5,000,000, about 1,000,000 are believed to be in China, although a national survey would be necessary to ascertain the exact figures, the report continues. Gratifying, during the year under review, was a donation of $3,000 received from the Chinese National Government. Although the amount is small, the report continues, it is significant because it is the first grant ever received from the Government and must therefore be interpreted as a recognition of the integrity and usefulness of the Chinese Mission to Lepers as a national clearing house for leprosy relief.

The Provincial Political Council of Fukien passed resolutions for the provision of hospitalization and medical treatment for lepers in that province which is generally considered the hot-bed of the dread disease in this country. Whether or not this legislation was merely a political manœuvre liable to be shelved indefinitely as many other government measures, remains to be seen, the report adds.

New Leprosarium Opened

Notwithstanding the hostilities, the year under review witnessed the opening of the West China Leprosarium at Chengtu, and in this connection, particular mention is made in the report of the credit due to Dr. Wallace Crawford for the opening of the institution.

Inspection of southwest China revealed that leprosy is widely spread in Yunnan, Kweichow and Kwangsi and that the work on leprosy control is only in an embryo stage in those provinces.

Grants-in-aid made by the Mission during the past year, amounted to $19,628 which is an increase of $2,964.91 over 1937, and of $1,028 over 1938.

In referring to the National Leprosarium of Shanghai, the report states that 102 patients were admitted during the year under review, which is an all-time record, all the more so as the staff of the Leprosarium had to be considerably reduced. The Leprosarium in Tazang is intact, but the date at which the institution may be re-occupied is still uncertain.

Thanks to the response received from the public and the American Mission to Lepers, the report continues, the Mission was able to tide over the difficult times experienced during the year under review, and closed the books with a credit balance.

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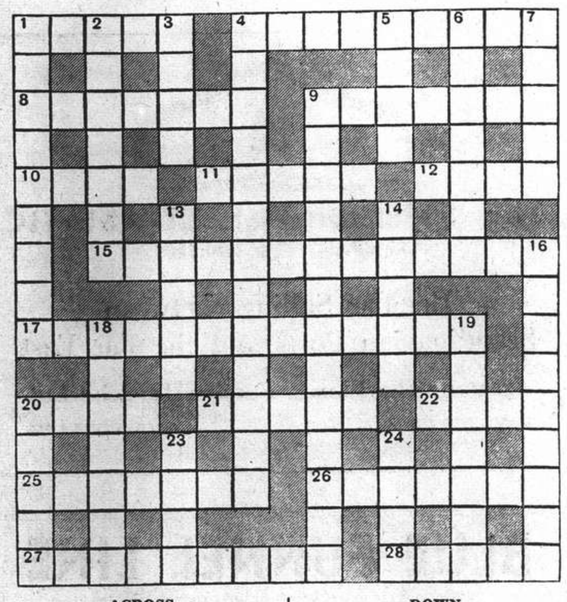

ACROSS

1 He wounds with sharp instruments, and is shown up in Scotland Yard
4 Comes from a light race, but is not energetic
8 It has all the makings of a miracle, save all
9 One may make it when at cross purposes
10 In outside or back, it's hard
11 Give a brief response on a famous sailor
12 Sounds German? Nonsense!
15 One might pick up in an antique shop something with which our grand-mothers gave themselves airs (three words)
17 If you suffer stabs in the back this will stick to you and comfort you (two words)
20 This is fashioned from a lady
21 A striking tree
22 Device for altering the pitch (but it isn't cricket)
25 A current annoyance in the house often
26 Hell has no finer components
27 People will be spreading this all over the country when rationing starts
28 Put the cart before this and the result may be killing

DOWN

1 A habit of cats, caterpillars, and coiffeurs (two words)
2 Not the big noise in the band
3 An indecisive result
4 With this on the hands one can find time at night (two words)
5 A drinking place up not for an European
6 Its going off may bring tears to the eyes—or worse (two words)
7 Fishermen's song?
9 Sounds like a warm ascent—might well be in Central Africa (two words)
13 Tot (two words)
14 Having a handicap of "scratch" at spitefulness?
16 It gives strains for blows
18 Its owner is sure of a colourful ending, one way (two words)
19 Out of the limelight?
20 She is doubly a mother
23 Not a straightforward part of the bargain
24 A German 'plane cannot always be identified from this

Y'DAY'S SOLUTION.—**ACROSS**: 5, Reform; 8, Busybody; 9, No news; 10 Strident; 11, Iona; 14, Soonest mended; 19, Odium; 22, Haggard; 23, Houri; 25, Back to the land; 31, Whet; 33, Take time; 34, Asking; 35, Unneeded; 36, Dagger. **DOWN**: 1, Just so; 2, Syrian; 3, No less; 4, System; 5, Renown; 6, Fancied; 7, Rowan; 12, Odin; 13, Army; 15, Ethic; 16, Tight; 17, Exact; 18, Dodge; 20, Thaw; 21, Tube; 24, Ratting; 26, Kruger; 27, Output; 28, Hiking; 29, Litter; 30, Number; 32, Hosea.

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